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DREADING A GENERAL ELECTION.

JOHN DOESN'T FEEL AT ALL SURE!

**M.P.'s Fear It Is Imminent,
When It Comes It Will Cost
The Nation a Million.**

The belief that a General Election is near at hand is causing uneasiness to certain M.P.'s. Some of them fear they may lose their seats; others that they may lose, in addition to their seats, money that they can ill afford to part with.

The idea that a member of Parliament is necessarily an opulent person is entirely erroneous, and old Parliamentary hands could tell of cases where a member's Party have paid the bailiffs out of his house in order to save him from disaster.

Members' Bluff.

"I have known them," said an M.P. yesterday, "make violent speeches in favour of throwing out the Government of the day, when they were in reality dreading a dissolution because of the heavy expense in which it would involve them."

"What does it cost to be an M.P.?" asked the *Daily Illustrated Mirror* representative.

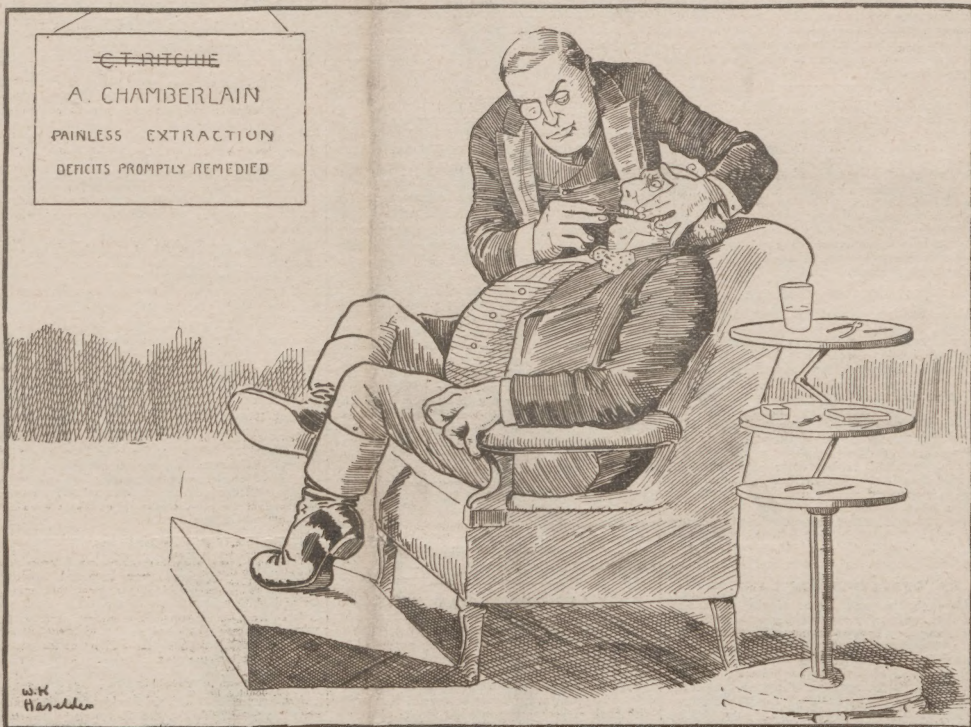
The cost varies a great deal, according to the constituency, was the reply. "Some members pay as much as £1,000 a year, including the expenses of elections. Many members employ a competent agent, at a good yearly salary, to safeguard their interests, and, in addition, subscribe handsomely to football clubs, cricket clubs, temperance societies, and charities. The demands on an M.P.'s purse are unlimited."

In every constituency there are a number of people always anxious for an election, because of the money that is spent in the contest. Proprietors of local newspapers and printers are especially keen on a fight, and the reason for their enthusiasm is obvious."

Kidnapping Hostile Voters.

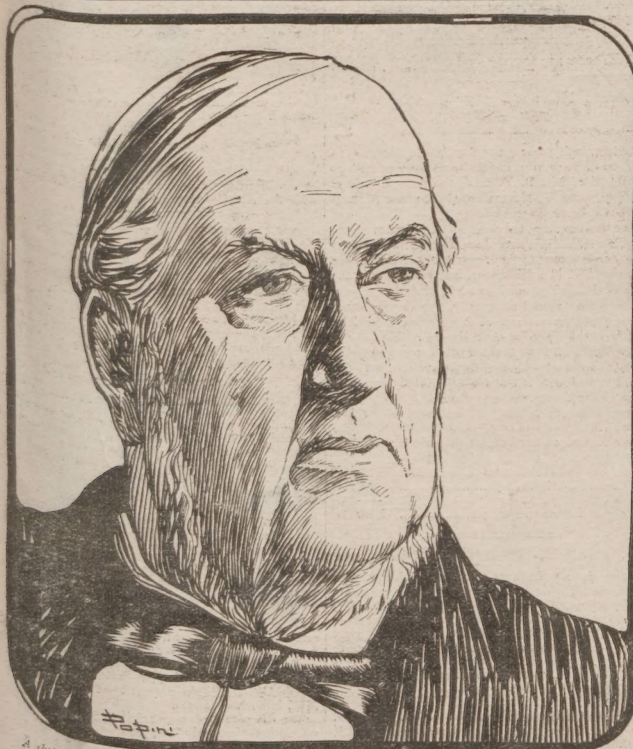
It is estimated that a General Election involves an expenditure of considerably more than £1,000,000; a large sum, it is true, but trifling compared with the money spent when bribery was rife. Half a million of money, for instance, is said to have been expended in a Yorkshire election in 1807, when Wilber-

ETRICHE
A. CHAMBERLAIN
PAINLESS EXTRACTION
DEFICITS PROMPTLY REMEDIED



Mr. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN ("Painless Extractor"): "Now, don't be afraid, Mr. Bull. I shall be able to manage it without hurting you in the least."

[The Chancellor of the Exchequer is pretty certain to have a large deficit, and is at present looking about to see how he can best extract from the taxpayers' pockets the money to fill it up.]



SIR WILLIAM V. HARCOURT.

[from life.]

force was one of the candidates. In those days it was not unusual to bribe sea-captains to carry off hostile voters to foreign countries in order to prevent them from going to the poll.

At the present day the amount a candidate may spend is regulated by the Corrupt Practices Act, and in county constituencies, where the population is often scattered, the scale is higher than in boroughs, where, as a rule, the electors reside within a comparatively small area. Taking London, for example, the expenditure in Clapham at the last General Election amounted to £1,315, of which the sitting member's share was £826. In Greenwich the total was £1,300, of which Lord Hugh Cecil, who was elected, paid £840. Even in small constituencies like King's Lynn, where the voters number only 3,200, between £700 and £800 was expended, Mr. "Tommy" Bowles, the victor, having to pay £397. In the populous Romford division of Essex over £4,000 was spent, and in all cases a very large proportion of the money disbursed goes in printing, advertising, and stationery. The enthusiasm for elections among local newspaper proprietors and printers is thus easily accounted for.

What Mr. Balfour Had to Pay.

Coming to Ministers, at the last election Mr. Balfour's victory in Manchester cost him £288, while his unsuccessful opponent spent £297 in endeavouring to win the seat. In the Guildford division of Surrey, Mr. Brodrick's election bill amounted to £292, but the Liberal candidate paid more still, his expenses reaching a total of £1,202.

The returning officer's expenses, including the cost of the polling-stations and of counting the votes, have to be paid by the candidates in this country. In France, on the other hand, these charges are borne by the community, so that a candidate may be nominated without incurring any cost. On one occasion, in Paris, an aspirant for Parliamentary honours who had no money to pay bill-stickers, exclaimed "Parbleu, I will post the bills myself." And he did so, though he failed to get elected.

SIR W. HARCOURT RETIRES.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt is retiring from political life. In a letter to his constituents he makes this announcement, which will come as no surprise to those who know the veteran Liberal statesman. Ever since his son, "Lulu," married a big fortune and a charming wife Sir William has felt that he might say good-bye to politics with an easy mind.

Big, burly, seventy-seven years old, Sir William has been a parliamentary figure for almost as long as the present generation can remember. An aristocrat of ancient lineage, he refused a peerage, although the King wrote him a personal letter pressing him to accept the coveted reward.

In 1894 the Premiership lay between Sir William and Lord Rosebery. The former, as is well known, had to content himself with the post of Chancellor of the Exchequer; and his Budget of that year is considered one of the most brilliant ever introduced into Parliament.

In his earlier years, Sir William, then known as the "Liberal Slogger," was one of the giants of the Parliamentary Bar. It is said that the goal of his ambition in those days was to succeed to the dignities of the Lord Chief Justice. At one time he was anxious to shine as Speaker of the House of Commons. Instead he became Mr. Gladstone's right-hand man and the best Liberal fighting debater in the House.

Many good stories are told about Sir William. "Arthur thinks we are a vulgar lot," he once said, defining the present Prime Minister's one-time attitude towards the Liberal Party.

An invasion panic caused him to begin a letter to the "Times" with, "I confess I am much more afraid of being run over by a hansom than I am of being slaughtered by a German."

He was old-fashioned enough to be "a plain Liberal without any adjectives added to it."

Sir William's domestic happiness is complete. The late Julian Ralph, wondering how a man of his years could undergo the arduous of an extended political campaign, found an explanation in the following words:—

"But Sir William has ten rooms in the best hotel, and his son and his family are around him caring for him as our own will care for us only if we have made them glad of our existence beforehand."

RENEWED ATTACK.

Two Hours' Shelling of Port Arthur.

PLUCKY RUSSIAN SAILORS.

Three Russian Cruisers Badly Damaged.

LAND BATTLE IMMINENT.

Port Arthur was again bombarded on Monday for two hours.

Three Russian cruisers were seriously damaged and one torpedo-boat sunk. The Japanese fleet retired in perfect order.

On land a collision is regarded as imminent in the neighbourhood of Ping-yang.

Heavy snowstorms and intense cold are interfering with the transport of Russian troops, and one thousand men are reported to have been disabled by frost-bite.

General interest centred in the announcement, made that Port Arthur was to have been taken yesterday. "Still 20000" but the "late hour" last night no reports had been received of a decisive attack.

It is evident, however, according to the "Telegraph's" Yinkow correspondent, that a determined bombardment of the fortress took place on Monday morning, and lasted for two hours. There is something to be said for the probability of the Russian sailors, who, in the face of overwhelming odds, pluckily sailed out of the harbour to meet their doughty opponents.

STORM OF MISSILES.

Three Russian cruisers, the Novik, Askold, and Bayan, accompanied by four torpedo boats, steamed out, to face the enemy's fleet, but the storm of missiles showered at them compelled them to again seek shelter in the harbour. The damage to the Bayan is not stated, but the Askold was in a sinking condition, the Novik seriously shattered, and one Russian torpedo boat was sunk.

Even the poor old Kevisan, which lies in a battered condition on the beach, and whose crew have gallantly fought throughout all the previous attacks, sustained further damage, so that the Russian fleet in the port has been rendered practically impotent.

The losses among the attacking fleet are not recorded, but it is said the enemy retired in perfect order.

Up to eleven o'clock on Monday night there had been no new development at Port Arthur.

OPERATIONS ON LAND.

Although the land forces of the contending countries are rapidly approaching each other near Ping-yang they have not come within fighting distance.

According to a Reuters telegram from St. Petersburg the head of the Japanese advance guard is twenty kilometres south of Ping-yang, and the Russian advance guard has reached a point eighteen kilometres to the north-west of Ping-yang.

Russian troops have placed an army corps on both banks of the Yalu, and by the mobilisation of the Siberian reserves 100,000 men are marching to the seat of war.

Further reports indicate that the Japanese have occupied Chio-yang, in Korea, and are now fortifying the walls of the town. Russian troops are reported to be in the neighbourhood.

While the first news of the landing of Japanese troops at Possiet Bay is still unconfirmed, a report is issued that the Japanese have intrenched themselves at that place.

ADMIRAL TOGO.

Speculation has been rife as to the whereabouts of Admiral Togo; but the Japanese Naval Attaché in London has received a dispatch which indicates that the Admiral is still commanding the fleet off Port Arthur. He has sent details of the sinking of the Russian torpedo boat in Pigeon Bay on Thursday last.

RUSSIAN TRANSPORT TROUBLES.

Despite the report sent by Reuters from Irkutsk that the first train, comprising twenty-five carriages, passed over the ice like Baikal yesterday, reports are current that heavy snowstorms and intense cold are interfering with the transport of troops over the lake. It is said that over one thousand men have been rendered permanently unfit for service owing to frost-bite.

JAPAN AND "TREACHERY."

Last night the Japanese Government issued a detailed reply to the charges of treachery made by Russia against Japan in commencing hostilities prior to a formal declaration of war. The statement reveals in a remarkable manner how closely the Japanese Intelligence Department has followed the actions of Russia, as a proof of Japan's general assertion that Russia failed to meet Japan's proposal in a conciliatory spirit, exact details are given of the increase made in Russia's naval strength, even during the progress of the negotiations.

When Japan determined to break off diplomatic relations and take "independent action," they interpreted that to include the opening of hostilities, and if Russia was unable to understand the phrase in that sense, Japan should not be held responsible for the misinterpretation.

Finally, Japan contends that a declaration of war is not an indispensable pre-requisite to the commencement of hostilities, and refers to instances where Russia herself has taken hostile action without declaring war.

Lecturing last night at the Royal Institution, Professor Ernest Foxwell, late professor at Tokio, said anybody employed by the Japanese Government lost a great deal of influence over the people of that country by being unmarried.

UNLUCKY NAMES.

A NEW EXPLANATION OF RUSSIA'S ILL-LUCK.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ODESSA, Feb. 26.

The superstition of the uneducated (and sometimes even of the educated) Russian knows no bounds. Will it be believed that many people in this country are convinced that the Russian misfortunes are due to the unlucky names of some of the Tsar's officers in the Far East?

Most purely Russian surnames have a meaning, and, curiously enough, in a very large proportion of them, it is anything but complimentary to the unlucky bearer. Originally "nicknames" maliciously applied to the founders of the family, they became at length recognised patronymics, and not a few honourable families in Russia have now the misfortune to bear names, bestowed upon them in a ruder age, which are untranslatable into decent English.

As an example of the meaning of some of the least objectionable Russian names that are now familiar to English readers, I may mention that of "Bezobrazoff," the surname of the official whose intrigues in Korea played no small part in bringing about the war with Japan. This is derived from "bezobrazie," the Russian word for ugliness and infamy.

Blunderer's Bad Luck.

Not less unfortunate are General Chertkoff, whose name is derived from "Chert," the Devil, and his colleague, General Krasnolinsky, who derives his patronymic from "kras," to steal or pilfer. The surname of Captain Trusov, the commander of the Rurik, is derived from "rus," a coward, while that of Kosovitch, the captain of the Pallada, recently torpedoed by the Japanese, comes from "koso," crooked, awkward, and blundering. Literally translated into English his name would be "Blunderer."

These are but a few of the strangely ill-famed names borne by persons playing a prominent part in Russia's unfortunate enterprise in the Far East, and, as I have stated already, numbers of Russians attribute to this cause the ill-luck that has befallen their country recently.

Hardly less curious is the large number of officers bearing the names of birds. For example, the military operations are to be conducted by General "Partridge" (Kurapatkin), a name which, in his case, is assuredly inappropriate, the partridge being regarded in Russia as the emblem of timidity. The Boyarin, at Port Arthur, is commanded by Captain "Buzzard" (Sarychev)—a bird regarded by Russians very much as the goose is by ourselves, as a type of brainless folly. One of the very few examples of a name with a decidedly complimentary signification is that of the commander of the cruiser Zablaka, "Cigarette" (Svan) (Lebedev), the Slavonic emblem of fidelity and loyal devotion.

INDIA'S EARLY WAR NEWS.

Events in the Far East have attracted attention once more to the mysterious facility possessed by the natives of India for obtaining news of far distant happenings. During the last fortnight crowds gathered in the Bombay bazaars received news of fighting many hours before the Europeans with their elaborate organisation for its collection and dispatch, the Asiatic having means of imparting information to far-off friends which no Western man can understand. London business men have long recognised the reliability of what are termed "native rumours." Russia was never held in much esteem in India, and when news came of the recent Japanese successes dark faces in the bazaars were wreathed in smiles.

FROM LADYSMITH TO LUXURY.

Raising of the Famous Siege Celebrated by a Dinner.

Ladysmith Night at the Hotel Cecil is the occasion for champagne and artful. On Ladysmith Day, four years ago, the fare was mainly horse-flesh and muddy water.

The contrast must have struck some of the officers assembled last night to do honour to the occasion when the Boer tide of invasion was finally rolled back from threatened Ladysmith.

The rugged, unkempt, hungry men who plodded along the dusty track with the stupifying smell of putrefying horse in their nostrils, had a night to be well groomed and well banqueted last night, for they served their Empire's cause in the Empire's need.

Forgetfulness too soon follows the noblest deeds. They are kept alive, in England, by a banquet.

"DAILY MAIL" WAR MAP.

Owing to the continued large demand for the map of the "Far East," over 100,000 copies have now been produced. The scale is larger and the information is fuller than any other map published at the same price.

The map folds within a cover into convenient size and may be obtained from the publishers, George Philip and Son, Limited, 32, Fleet-street, E.C., and of all booksellers, newsagents, and bookstalls.

AIRSHIP NAVIGATOR BANKRUPT.

Aerostatics tends to fame, but not always to fortune. Last night's "Gazette," notices a receiving order in bankruptcy against Mr. Stanley Symcox, of Aberfeldy Park, Highbury. He has had probably more thrilling mid-air experiences than any man living.

Suicide while temporarily insane was the verdict yesterday on Arthur William Rudge, aged twenty-five, a member of the London Stock Exchange, who shot himself in a first-class carriage on the G.W.R. last Sunday. He was the son of Lieutenant-Colonel Rudge, R.A. (retired).

WAR FLASHES.

LIGHTS ON THE DOINGS OF BOTH COMBATANTS.

At Port Arthur the guns from the disabled ships are being transferred to the forts.

Admiral Makaroff, who is to succeed Admiral Starck, recalled, reached Port Arthur on Sunday. It is now asserted by an independent observer that the steamers sunk at the entrance to Port Arthur Harbour partially obstruct the channel.

Messages from the Far East to New York state that the forces landed by Japan are estimated to equal the Russian strength immediately available.

Whatever has been the real cause of the journey to St. Petersburg of Count Benckendorff, the Russian Ambassador to St. James's, he is expected to return to London to-day.

As the Russian gunboat Mandjur remains in Shanghai Harbour, the Japanese Minister at Peking threatens to send a cruiser to sink the Mandjur if the latter is not dismantled.

Rumour again credits the Tsar with a desire to go to the front and encourage his Army by his presence at decisive battles. The only doubt in the matter seems to be as to the Tsar's health.

In the opinion of a French gentleman who has business connections with Russia, if the Russian communications with Port Arthur are interrupted the port would not have provisions for more than a fortnight.

In support of the view that the Korean Army will not co-operate with the Japanese against Russia, a Japanese colonel is said to have remarked: "They are absolutely not fit to us, except as porters."

Among the many curious provisions for the Russian troops at the front is a church on wheels, which is shortly to be sent to the seat of war by the Grand Duchess Elizabeth Feodorovna. Others are to be forwarded as soon as possible.

As a proof of the remarkable loyalty of Japanese sailors, when volunteers were called for to man the steamship, the steamer off Port Arthur, two thousand men responded, some of them even writing out their requests in their own blood.

Russian and Irish flags were intertwined at a meeting held by the Clan-na-Gael in New York, when not alone was Japan denounced, but England and America, and also the Press of both the last-named. A Russian Bishop occupied a seat on the platform.

Grand Ducal Financiers.

Confirmation has been obtained by a group of Englishmen of the report that the chief cause of the war was the securing of a lumber concession on the Yalu River by certain Grand Dukes, who, with the assistance of the Tsar, financed the scheme. Huge profits were made, and the annexation of Korea were the main objects of the promoters.

An Awkward Invitation.

When Yi-Yong-ki, the pro-Russian Korean adviser to the Emperor, was informed by the Japanese Minister that his departure was desirable, he replied that he was not in the habit of taking orders from foreigners. Thereupon a file of soldiers appeared and invited him to breakfast on a cruiser at Chemulpho. He will be under guard until the end of the war.

Will There Be Revelations?

A writer in the "National Review," signing himself "Ignorant," throws the following significant hint:—It has always been the aim of Russia to use China against Europe, just as in 1901 she, who is now feigning fears of the "Yellow Peril," attempted to induce Japan to join her in a combination against England. That is a chapter in history which has yet to be written, but there are men in England and Japan who would not be unseated by present events and who may write it.

NORMANTON ELECTION.

Liberals Have Mostly To Go to the Poll on Foot.

Polling took place yesterday in the Normanton division of Yorkshire, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. B. Pickard, the Liberal-Labour member, who had represented the constituency without a break since 1885.

The morning opened with a slight fall of snow, but the weather brightened rapidly, and both candidates made a tour of the division, Mr. Dornier, the Conservative, in a motor-car, and Mr. Parrott, the Liberal, in a smart carriage and pair.

The voting passed off quietly, the Conservatives making a generous use of the numerous vehicles that had been placed at their disposal. The Liberal voter went on foot for the most part, and the Party, encouraged by the dry, hard weather, felt that they had little to fear from the vehicular advantages of the Tories.

Several of the miners' leaders worked for Mr. Parrott.

The figures at the last general election of 1900 were:—

B. Pickard (L.) 5,025
C. Lister-Kaye (C.) 3,606

Liberal majority 1,419

BRITISH CRUISER ASHORE.

There is no further news of H.M. cruiser Bonaventure, which was reported yesterday morning by telegram from Victoria (British Columbia) to have gone ashore on the Central American coast in a bad position. The Bonaventure was en route to Esquimaux to act as flagship of the North Pacific Squadron.

ST. DAVID'S DAY.

St. David's Day was celebrated in London yesterday by a dinner at the Hotel Cecil. Mr. Ellis J. Griffiths, M.P., presided, and among his supporters were Lord Rosebery, Mr. Justice Vaughan Williams, and a number of Welsh Members.

MR. BALFOUR BACK.

The Premier's Reappearance Marked with Cheers and a Great Majority.

The second stage in the Parliamentary process of voting money was entered upon yesterday. On Monday the Naval Estimates were discussed; yesterday the House "went into Committee" to consider the Estimates. The first vote taken was for the personnel of the Navy—131,100 men and boys.

Sir Charles Dilke treated the Committee to an expert opinion upon the merits of the Bellevue boiler. He thought the failure of the Bellevue was more a matter of improper stoking than of defects in the boilers themselves.

"The Government are far exceeding the two Power standard," said the grave Mr. Robertson, in the course of his sonorous speech. "We now have twenty large cruisers against the 100 owned by all the other naval Powers, while our battleship strength is more than half of that of all the rest of the world."

Sir Edgar Vincent joined the economists' chorus. The total naval expenditure last year of France, Germany, and Russia was only thirty-five millions; the present estimate for this country was forty-two millions—or a 34-Power standard.

Mr. Winston Churchill Changes Sides.

The Radicals, amongst whom Mr. Winston Churchill had taken a seat, bawled their assent. Mr. Pleyman, the Secretary to the Admiralty, displayed official suavity. The criticism and suggestions should be carefully considered.

Sir Michael Hicks Beach, who had been striking his shaggy beard in a seat behind the Secretary to the Admiralty, rose immediately, and hearing the "Black Michael" address the House, the Prime Minister strolled in from his private room, and became an attentive listener. Members flicked in from the lobbies.

"We are bound," said the ex-Chancellor, "to maintain the strength of the Navy at the standard which has been laid down by the Government, and then a great welcoming shout signalled the reappearance of the Prime Minister at the Treasury box.

The Radicals beamed with delight. In a few sentences Sir Edward Grey emphasised the gravity of "Black Michael's" warning to the Government, and then a great welcoming shout signalled the reappearance of the Prime Minister at the Treasury box.

Mr. Balfour's Greeting.

In a speech which revealed Mr. Balfour's grasp of metaphysical skill, fine phrasing, and charm of manner, the Leader of the House dealt with the principal points raised in the afternoon's debate. He graciously acknowledged the warning of "Black Michael," right hon. friend the member for West Bromwich. It was not only perfectly justified in substance, but moderate in tone, but valuable. But the House must watch not merely the amount of the estimates, but the general European and Asiatic situation, which alone could justify what the country was asked to expend.

The Prime Minister's speech, which lasted barely a quarter of an hour, was closely followed by a crowded House and rapturously cheered by his ardent supporters. The right hon. gentleman displayed great animation, tapping the table with all his accurate vigour, and making in rich musical tones which rang throughout the chamber. He received a great ovation on resuming his seat.

Half a dozen budding statesmen, mainly Irish, jumped up to catch the Chairman's eye. Five succeeded in doing so. Shortly before half-past seven the chamber fell in a noisy slumber in favour of adoption being 324 (224 to 131). On a further division on Mr. O'Mara's amendment to reduce the establishment of the Navy, the Government secured a majority of 160, the figures in favour of the reduction being 87, and against 247.

The evening sitting was mainly devoted to a discussion of the law relating to malicious injuries in Ireland.

A meeting of the Cabinet was held at the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon. Mr. Balfour presided, and all the Ministers were in attendance except Mr. Gerald Balfour, who was at Cambridge with the King.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO IRELAND.

Although no definite date has been announced for the King's visit to Ireland, it may be taken that it will be about the beginning of May.

It is understood that the King's new and powerful Mercedes motor-car will be delivered in England some time before the Irish visit, and that this will be sent across the channel and very extensively used for touring purposes in Ireland.

ENGLISH CIGARETTES POPULAR.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying to a memorial by the United Kingdom Cigarette Manufacturers' Association, states that to raise the duty on foreign cigarettes to the same level as that on foreign cigars would be prohibitive to the importation of cigarettes.

The satisfactory condition of the British cigarette industry is indicated by the fact that the importation of foreign cigarettes decreased in 1903 from 619,000lb. to 462,000lb.

WHITE MAN'S BURDEN.

Nigeria has an area one-third the size of India and a population numbering nearly twenty millions. Sir Lugard, who read a paper on the country and its resources before a distinguished audience in the hall of the Society of Arts last evening, emphasised the fact that the new markets which Great Britain required lay ready to her hand in such countries.

The Empire's population of 413 millions, which comprised only 52 million whites. Obviously among the important processes of Imperial development was the decision as to the methods by which these millions should be controlled.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is:
Cold, northerly and north-easterly breezes;
fair in most districts, occasional snow showers;
frosty inland.
Lighting-up time: 6.41 p.m.
Sea passages will be moderate to smooth
generally.

TO-DAY'S NEWS AT A
GLANCE.

Fine weather favoured the visit of the King and Queen to Cambridge for the purpose of opening the new scientific buildings erected by the University. Loyal addresses were presented, to which the King made written replies. On the conclusion of the function their Majesties returned to town. (Page 3.)

Port Arthur has again been bombarded by the Japanese fleet. Three Russian cruisers were seriously damaged, and one torpedo boat sunk. A collision between the land forces is regarded as being imminent in the neighbourhood of Ping-pong. Severe weather is seriously impeding the transport of Russian troops. (Page 2.)

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales were amongst those present at the charity matinee performance yesterday at His Majesty's Theatre. (Page 11.)

Mr. Balfour signalled his return to the Commons last evening by a speech made while the House was in Committee on the subject of Naval Estimates. He was loudly cheered on resuming his seat. (Page 2.)

Lord Morpeth, the successor to Mr. Powell Williams for South Birmingham, took his seat in the House yesterday. (Page 2.)

We understand that the negotiations between the Duke of Devonshire, as representing the Free Food Unionists, and Earl Spencer, as leader of the Liberal Party, have in a measure proved unsuccessful. (Page 3.)

Lady Grisel Cochrane, eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Dundonald, was married to the Master of Belhaven at Westminster Abbey yesterday in the presence of a large and fashionable congregation. (Page 5.)

Polling took place in the Normanton division of Yorkshire to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. B. Pickard, the Liberal-Labour leader. (Page 15.)

On Monday next, by sanction of the Court of Chancery, the valuable Townshend heirlooms will be offered at auction. Two of the most famous portraits, valued at £20,000, are missing from the collection. (Page 5.)

Lycium relics were disposed of by auction yesterday. The gothic panelling of the "Sublime Society of Steaks" was bought for the Old Punch Bowl Club, a Bohemian society of which Lord Roberts is a member. (Page 11.)

For having libelled a Great Northern Railway engineering official, to whom he sent a number of postcards, a debt collector named Britton was at the Central Criminal Court ordered to pay a fine of £50. (Page 6.)

The present cold snap is likely to continue, and as a result skating should shortly become general. (Page 3.)

When a General Election takes place the cost to the country is about one million. Certain M.P.s are looking forward with concern to the approaching Dissolution for various reasons. (Page 1.)

A boarding-house romance which ended in an action for breach of promise was settled in the High Court yesterday, a verdict for one farthing damages being found for the plaintiff. (Page 6.)

A rare collection of books were in some danger by a fire which occurred at Woolwich Public Library yesterday, but was quickly extinguished. (Page 11.)

Dr. Danford Thomas held an inquest yesterday on the bodies of two aged sisters, whose deaths occurred under pathetic circumstances in a house at Edgeware-road. (Page 6.)

Caught in the act of attempting to set fire to Queen's College, Belfast, a man was arrested and later certified to be a lunatic. (Page 4.)

Exhibits at the London Hackney Show opened yesterday at Islington total 486. (Page 4.)

Fencing has become very popular, its enthusiasts now including a number of well-known lady members of society, who delight in foil-play. (Page 11.)

The England eleven seems to have a fine chance of winning the "rubber" in the Test matches. The Colonials collapsed in the first innings at Sydney yesterday, and at close of play Warner's men, with nine wickets in hand, were 108 runs to the good. (Page 14.)

An article appears in this issue describing the different strokes of some of the batsmen engaged in the Test match. (Page 14.)

Through the falling of Florinel in the first race at Southwell yesterday Percy Woodland, the leading cross-country jockey, sustained slight injuries. (Page 14.)

Business was better in the stock markets, Consols in the day. Scotch railway stocks rallied smartly, and other railway securities improved in sympathy. Foreign securities also underwent an improvement. (Page 15.)

To-Day's Arrangements.

The King and Queen are expected to be present at the opening concert of the Philharmonic Society at Queen's Hall.

Princess Christian presides at the Annual Court of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn-road, 3.30.

The Duke of Marlborough, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, is the guest of the West Indian Club, Howard Street, 7.45.

The Lord Mayor, en route at Dinner the Masters of the Livery Guilds of the City of London, Mansion House.

Birmingham Shorten Show (three days).

Racing: The Cambridge University Lent Races (four days).

The Story of the Hospitals. Address by Sir Henry Barnett, K.C.B., Victoria Hall, Ealing, 8.30 p.m.

THE KING VISITS HIS ALMA MATER.



His Majesty and Queen Alexandra went to Cambridge yesterday afternoon to open several buildings. They were received with the greatest enthusiasm. The town was en fete. "I am proud," said King Edward, "of being a member of this University," and the Varsity men cheered him to the echo.

KING IN ACADEMICALS.

Cambridge Welcomes Royalty to
the New Schools.

Heavy falls of snow marked the dawn yesterday at Cambridge, but the weather had entirely cleared before the arrival of the King from London and the Queen from Sandringham.

The cold though, was intense, wires a representative of the *Daily Illustrated Mirror*, who specially attended the proceedings, and their Majesties, to the evident disappointment of the many thousands that lined the streets, used a closed carriage.

Before the King was allowed to leave the railway station he received addresses from the civic and county authorities, couched in the courtly extravagance of language usual to such weighty missives.

Senate House harboured a brilliant crowd to greet the royal visitors, the vice-Chancellor presiding, in

the regrettable absence, through illness, of the Duke of Devonshire.

Here there was a remarkable scene of enthusiasm as the united college choir stationed in the gallery sang the National Anthem.

After hearing the address the King thanked the company for their sympathetic reference to his beloved mother and father, and added, amid a burst of cheering, "I am proud of being a member of the university."

He earnestly desired its development and well-being, and was glad to know that many munificent donations had been received to further work in all branches of study and research. His Majesty concluded by praying that his reign might continue in peace and prosperity.

After luncheon had been served at the Fitzwilliam Museum, the royal procession wended its way to the new museum, which has cost over £100,000, of which £30,000 was subscribed so long as thirty years ago, when Adam Sedgwick died at the ripe old age of eighty-eight.

The medical, law, and botanical schools were each visited, and the day's proceedings concluded by the King unveiling a statue of Sedgwick.

The King and Queen returned to London in the afternoon.

COLD SNAP CONTINUES.

Long Spell of Skating Possible
by Present Indications.

Scandinavia is the centre of an anti-cyclone, which shows every indication of continuing to increase in intensity and to extend south-westwards across the United Kingdom.

Such is the opinion of the weather experts, and should it prove correct then England is in for a cold snap which will make skating a certainty.

The continuance of the cold weather depends entirely on the ability of the protecting anti-cyclone to withstand the onslaughts of the cyclonic Atlantic storms.

In Western and North-Western Europe exceptionally severe weather for March is freely expected, and skating has been resumed in many parts of Germany, Holland, and Belgium.

The Thames Valley is in the grip of King Frost, and Saturday is anxiously looked forward to by skaters.

WATCH THE WAR ON LAND WITH THIS MAP.



The Russian parallel columns are moving in Korea, and a battle is imminent. At Ping-Yang 5,000 Cossacks are gathered, and the cavalry of a Russian force in Eastern Korea are reported south of Tai-chien. (Turn to Page 2 for to-day's war news.)

OUR SIMIAN RELATIVES.

Apes Strikingly Human in Their Solemn Moments.

Having recently acquired a fine specimen of a Hainan Gibbon ape, the Zoological Society now possesses three out of the four types of anthropoid apes which, in the opinion of scientists, supply the nearest connecting links between man and the beast.

These three animals are the West African chimpanzee, the Borneo orang-outang, and the Hainan Gibbon, the fourth link being the gorilla, of which the Society has not a specimen at present.

Previous to calling on Dr. Mitchell, a representative of the *Daily Illustrated Mirror* paid a visit to the Gardens, and watching the freakish antics of these man-like apes, endeavoured to discover and establish some relationship, mental and physical, between the human and the animal. He found them in the new ape house, lodged in large warm rooms, with shining white-tiled walls, and fitted with trees, swings, and ropes, in luxurious profusion.

Full of Wisdom and Weariness.

Probably the average visitor, regarding the movements of these strange semi-humans, will take the greatest delight in the great red orang. Squatting solemnly behind the wires and glass, eyeing the small world within his range of vision, with slow blinking eyes, full of profound wisdom and weariness, it is difficult to remember that he cannot speak. For his face and massive forehead, which, unlike most apes, is devoid of all hair, might readily be taken for that of a negro of low type.

He sits in his corner eating his banana and his nuts, using his hands and long, sinewy fingers in weirdly human fashion. When the more juvenile antics of one of the two Gibbons in his room annoy him he will gravely await his opportunity and seize the frivolous one by an arm or leg for a moment. That is sufficient, peace is then restored.

In the next compartment there are two chimpanzees. There is the same curious look of tired wisdom on their faces, and one bears a resemblance, startlingly vivid, to the typical low caste Irish face, with receding forehead and protruding jaw. It was a very cold day, with snow falling heavily, and he made a quaint little figure in his wool-lined jacket.

A Dainty Meal.

The keeper came into the cage with the morning meal of fruit and bread in a tin pan. The diminutive ape took the man's hand and solemnly walked

guarded to take a banana. "Eat it," said the man. The animal looked at the fruit in his hand, and gravely took a very small bite. A little more coaxing and he slowly went on with his lunch.

The Gibbons are of a distinctly different type. The bodies are slim and covered with black hair, the chief feature being the tremendous length of arm. In character they appear less sedate than the chimpanzee or orang. They take a delight in parading across the wire ceiling upside down in long, swinging leaps. At every opportunity they use the long muscular arms to propel themselves forward. To the casual observer, at any rate, they are the least interesting of his animal relatives.

Orang Very Human.

Dr. Mitchell, who is an enthusiast where any animal is concerned, spoke almost affectionately of these anthropoid apes. He knows them all individually, and their habits and weaknesses. "Per-



The Hainan Gibbon, one of the four anthropoid apes which are the nearest links between man and beast. This fine specimen has been recently added to the Zoo. He is slim, and has a singularly long arm.

sonally," he said, "I like the orang best. He and I are old friends. He is very human-like in some ways. But it is difficult to explain exactly how these various apes resemble man. It is not in appearance, but from an anatomical point of view that the similarities are judged. It is a bone in the leg in one species, the formation of the skull, and so on. The gibbon, for instance, has very long arms. In the lowest type of negro the arms, dropped at the sides, reach to the knees.

Regarded intellectually, the chimpanzee ranks first among anthropoid apes, but the relationship does not rest here. The ant and the bee in point of brain come nearest to man, but it would be difficult to establish any sort of connection between them and human beings."

"Consul's" Training.

Dr. Mitchell knew Consul well, and liked him. "He was," he said, "the most highly-trained ape I have ever known. I liked him, and we were good friends, but I do not consider that he had a very nice disposition. He took to me at once, and was very fond of me."

According to Dr. Mitchell, however, the tricks Consul performed were none of them beyond the power of a chimpanzee, taken young and carefully trained. The chief difficulty lies in the fact that they are delicate and very difficult to rear.

LEAP-DAY BABIES.

Ten Little Mites Who Will Probably Never "Come of Age."

To wait until 1988 for their twenty-first birthday is the fate of six little boys and four little girls who were born on Monday.

While they are young they will doubtless be extremely annoyed at being cheated out of their fair share of natal anniversaries, but later on, the ladies at any rate, will not be adverse to the trick of dividing the number of their years by the figure four.

Babies born on February 29 are said to be endowed with all the gifts the good fairies can give, and are endowed with all the second sight possessed by the seventh child of a seventh child.

Another peculiarity about Leap Day babies is that they visit certain localities in couples.

Two boys went to Portsmouth—one to No. 8, where live Lord and Lady Bingham, the other to No. 4, where Mr. and Mrs. Roland Streatfield gave him a tremendously enthusiastic welcome.

Two girls went to Liverpool. Their names are respectively Miss Feeny and Miss Gordon.

Two babies chose medical men for their fathers—H. G. Cooper, M.A., M.B., M.R.C.S., of Manchester, and G. Percy Smith, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Birmingham.

In yesterday's "Times" Mr. Curtis-Bennett asked Australian papers to "please copy" the fact that he had a son.

Miss Loveday, quite a good name for a Leap Day baby, went to Croydon, and Master Cleave to Woking.

TROTTERS AND STEPPERS.

Of much more general interest than last week's Shire Horse Show was the London Hackney Show, opened yesterday at the Agricultural Hall. This is the twentieth annual show, and the entries



The Borneo Orang-outang, which may also be seen at the Zoo, is another of the "missing links." He differs from other apes, for his face and forehead are without hair.

have reached the satisfactory figure of 486. The red rosette went to No. 132, Bonny Danegelt, a chestnut six-year-old, the property of Sir Walter Gilbey.

LUNATIC TRIES TO BURN A COLLEGE.

An attempt was made yesterday to set fire to Queen's College, Belfast. A man was caught in the act of throwing a piece of burning cotton-wool saturated with paraffin into one of the class-rooms of the college. He was arrested, and has been certified a dangerous lunatic.

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The West African Chimpanzee lives in the next compartment at the Zoo to the gibbon. He has a look of tired wisdom on his ugly face.

across to a corner with him. He was not at all hungry. He required tempting. The piece of apple, nicely pared, did not appeal to him. He put it down by his side, and looked steadily into the smiling human face above him. He refused bread and orange entirely, but was finally per-

TV O BRITISH SEAMEN KILLED IN A COLLISION.



The destroyer Vixen ran with such force into a steam pinnace at Devonport that she cut her in two. The crew of the damaged boat were thrown into the water. Stoker Rundle, scalded by the escaping steam from the engines, died in hospital, and Able-seaman Tucker was drowned.

ABBEY WEDDING.

Lady Grizel Cochrane Married in Henry VII.'s Chapel.

While winter, cruel and grim, was frowning his worst out of doors, inside Westminster Abbey spring reigned supreme yesterday, when Lady Grizel Cochrane, eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Dundonald, was married to the Master of Bellesbarre. The ceremony took place in the picturesque Henry VII.'s Chapel.

Everything was managed very simply as befitting the present solemn season of the Church. It is in Henry VII.'s Chapel that the bride's grandfather, the celebrated Admiral Cochrane, lies buried, and on this fact is based her claim to the rare privilege of being married in Westminster Abbey.

The bride was supported by the Hon. Thomas Cochrane, her uncle, in the absence of her father, Lord Dundonald, in Canada. She is a tall, dark-haired girl, and looked exceptionally graceful in her floating draperies of white chiffon, embroidered in silver thistles.

The bridesmaids were only thirteen, Lady Eileen Knox being unfortunately prevented from attending (we trust the unlucky number will not affect the good fortune of the newly-married couple); they included Lady Helen Gordon Lennox, Lady Doris Blackwood, Lady Jean and Lady Marjorie Cochrane, Lady Winifred Gore, Hon. Gwyneth Ponsonby, Hon. Henrietta O'Neill, Hon. Alexandra Vivian, Miss Louisa Cochrane, Miss Troubridge, Miss Lister, Miss Enid Assheton-Smith, and Miss Violet Harford. As they came up the aisle—some of them mere children—they made a charming picture of spring and delicate patrician girlhood; all wearing soft white tulle over white satin, with belts and ribbons of pale green, their floating veils surrounded by wreaths of snowdrops and anemones. Each maiden carried a silver wand,

to which was attached a bunch of the same simple flower.

The bride's train was carried by Viscount Uffington, the bonny little son of Lord and Lady Craven, who wore a picturesque cavalier suit of green velvet and satin. Lady Dundonald gave her daughter away. The best man was Mr. Lyon, of the 18th Hussars, and the bride's young brothers were also noticeable, one of them wearing a Scotch kilt. At the conclusion of the ceremony two of the bridesmaids distributed little bunches of snowdrops as favours among the guests.

Just as the Master of Bellesbarre and his bride drove away the sun shone for a few minutes through the grey sky, and everything looked as bright and pleasant as it ought to do on a wedding day. The first part of the honeymoon will be spent in the Riviera, whence the bride and bridegroom proceed to India.

PADEREWSKI'S £10,000 HAND.

Paderewski (our Geneva correspondent states) fully intends to carry out his original project of visiting Japan in spite of advice to the contrary. He has insured his life heavily, while his hand alone has been "covered" for £1,000. From Japan he travels to India, and will most probably give a concert at Calcutta before Lord Curzon.

KILLED BY A SNOWBALL.

Play with a huge snowball on the part of village schoolboys near Lucerne ended in a sad fatality. The ball had been rolled up a steep slope when a little fellow of eight volunteered with the aid of a stick to stop its progress half-way down.

It descended at great velocity, and the little fellow was killed.

General Vannowski, whose death is announced at St. Petersburg, was from 1881 to 1898 Russian Minister of War. He led the 12th Army Corps during the Russo-Turkish war.

£20,000 MYSTERY.

Heirlooms at Auction—Two Pictures Missing.

On Saturday and Monday next, by sanction of the Court of Chancery, the valuable Townshend heirlooms will be offered for sale at Christie's.

Two of the most famous portraits, however, will be withdrawn, as strangely enough they can nowhere be found. As they are estimated to be worth £20,000, there is naturally considerable consternation among those concerned in the proceeds of the sale.

All the pictures were originally hung at Ball's Park, and when this mansion was sold by the Marquis of Townshend, were supposed to have been removed to Raynham Hall, the remaining family seat.

They are, however, not there, and nobody remembers having seen them since they were at Ball's Park.

Famous Portraits.

Those which will be sold comprise a number of portraits of men who have played important parts in the history of England from the time of Henry VIII. to that of George III. Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey, beheaded for high treason in 1547; Admiral Sir Roger Townshend, who fought against the Armada; Horatio Lord Vere, the famous captain of James I. in the wars with Holland, and a number of his lieutenants; also Archbishop Laud, John Pym, William Prynne, Cromwell, Monk, and Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon.

The art of Lely is shown in ladies of the Court of Charles II.; gay Nell Gwynne, the lovely Duchess of Richmond, and many others.

The approach of the golden period of British

art is heralded by two works of Hogarth, a half-length portrait by Gainsborough, and three magnificent full-length family portraits by Reynolds.

Romney has a portrait of Lady John Townshend, and there is also a beautiful Hoppner.

It is to be hoped that the authorities of the National Portrait Gallery will take part in the bidding on Saturday, as many of the pictures would form a valuable addition to the national collection.

FREE-TRADERS SNUB FREE-FOODERS.

We are able to announce that the negotiations which have been going on between the Duke of Devonshire, as representing the Free Food Unionists and Lord Spencer, in his capacity as Leader of the Liberal Party, have broken down so far as the security of Free Food Unionist seats is concerned.

The recent successes of the Opposition have encouraged them to believe that in the event of an early general election occurring they could obtain a majority of their own party which would enable them to work quite independently of the Free Food Unionists. Under these circumstances the prospects of the session must undergo considerable alteration.

PAUPER AS CHURCH PATRON.

Gottmann, a Berlin beggar, died recently at the age of ninety-two apparently in the greatest poverty. Afterwards a will was discovered, in which he ordered that a church might be built with his money, which would be found buried. A search resulted in the finding of a box containing £1,000 in gold.

By the kindness of the Duchess of Albany, the wedding presents received by Prince and Princess Alexander of Teck will be on view at Clarendon this afternoon and to-morrow afternoon from two to five to the inhabitants of the royal village of Esher.

YESTERDAY'S LAW AND POLICE.

DISASTROUS RESULT OF A LOVER'S BET.

'Minnie's' Breach of Promise Action Against 'Minto'
Ends in Another Farthing Verdict.

"Dearest, my love for you is of such a depth that I am afraid you can never fathom it."

Thus "Minto," during the most acute stage of his thralldom to the tender passion, addressed "Minnie." Nor did Minnie ever fathom the full extent of his love. She did not give herself the opportunity, for yesterday she recovered from Minto the sum of one farthing as damages for breach of promise of marriage in Mr. Justice Phillimore's Court.

So the full possibilities of Minto's love were unhappily never to be known—at least, as far as Minnie is concerned.

It is necessary for the full understanding of the further tender revelations that were yesterday brought forth before the jury returned their momentous, yet paradoxical though it may seem, trivial verdict, to refer shortly to the genesis of the Minnie-Minto romance. Minto is a distinguished-looking bank clerk, known officially to his superiors at the Kensington branch of Parr's Bank as Mr. Edward Oram. In 1901 he went to live at the boarding-house in Ladbroke-square, Kensington, kept by Minnie and her sister Nelly, whom the other boarders knew as the Misses de Candia. Minto fell a ready victim to the charms of Minnie, and he had not been a boarder many weeks before he asked her to desert the style of De Candia for that of Oram.

"Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder."

At the resumption of the case yesterday Minto was in the witness-box, and Mr. Compston, Minnie's counsel, was endeavouring by cross-examination to cast doubts on the unfathomability of Minto's love. As an indication that this love was really fathomable Mr. Compston adduced the fact that Minto was willing to go away and live at Ealing, quite five miles from the boarding-house in Ladbroke-square.

"How was it," asked Mr. Compston, eyeing Minto sternly, "that you wrote the following words: 'If we do not see one another often we shall enjoy it all the more when we do?'"

To this Minto replied humbly that Minnie and he were too much together. His affection for her had certainly not cooled. He tried to remember the proverb which says "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," but Mr. Compston's stern demeanour made him forget it.

As Minto stood in the witness-box he did not look exactly like a humorist, but Mr. Compston did his best to show that appearances are often deceptive. The learned counsel quoted from a letter written by Minto when he was at Scarborough, in which Minto made a very playful reference to the little differences that sometimes arose between himself and Minnie's sister Nelly.

"Give my love to Nelly," wrote Minto. "Tell her too much salt makes one bitter. So will she kindly give me sugar to make me sweet. Perhaps a little salt would do 'Mr. M.' good, as he is always giving one the impression that he is soft enough to melt. Don't flirt too much with 'M.'"

On hearing this letter read Minto agreed that he was only jealous of "Mr. M." in a teasing sort of way. His real objection to that gentleman—in the agitation of the moment Minto pronounced "Mr. M.'s" full name—was that "Mr. M." was a gentleman who was engaged in a matrimonial lawsuit with "Mrs. M."

Many young lovers have often asked themselves the question, "What ought a young man's income to be before he can ask a young woman to share a house with him?" Mr. Compston put this question to Minto, whose income at the time of his engagement was £150 a year.

Bad Sequel to a Bet.

Minto answered that his beau ideal was £200. When he was courting Minnie he hoped to attain to this beau ideal, possibly in the course of ten years, possibly never at all.

Mr. Compston: And you expected her to wait all that time?

Minto's eagerly-delivered answer was that he had offered Minnie an alternative to waiting for the £200 a year and its consequent house. This alternative took the form of furnished lodgings and immediate marriage. All he drew the line at was boarding-houses, and the too-gallant boarders that live in them. Nor was it true, he continued, that he had arranged to marry Minnie within a few months of the plighting of the troth. Minnie had arranged that. (Leap-yearful laughter.)

Hardly had Minto recovered from the embarrassment that the movement of those in court unintentionally caused him, when he was asked to recall once more the sad circumstances under which, he says, his engagement came to an end. The final scene, he had already stated, took place in the garden of Ladbroke-square, after dinner, while he and Minnie were sitting on the garden seat. Minto had asked Minnie to repeat to him solemnly that she was only thirty-nine, and Minnie did so. Then Minto had told her that he did not believe her.

The reason for this disbelief were now given very reluctantly by Minto: At the very moment Minnie was nestling by his side on the seat whispering, "I could not deceive you, dearest Minto, I am only thirty-nine," Minto had Minnie's baptismal certificate in his pocket. This certificate said that Minnie was baptised at Tranmere, in Ireland, in the year 1860.

Minto did not tell Minnie what he had in his pocket. He certainly did not show it to her. He merely said, "I am sorry I cannot believe you."

From what Minto went on to tell the Court it appeared that all might have turned out happily and Minnie might have been at this very moment Mrs. Oram, if it had not been for Minto's playful disposition. A friend of his speaking to him of Minnie had said "She looks a lot older than thirty-nine." To this Minto retorted, just by way

of a joke, he assured the Court, "I'll bet you she's only thirty-nine, and I'll prove it."

So a letter was sent to the parish priest of Tranmere, with the disastrous results referred to above. "Did you pay the bet? Were you very annoyed?" were two of the questions put to Minto on the subject of the certificate. His reply was that he did not pay. The bet was only a joke. With regard to the year 1860, he was surprised to find that Minnie was so very much older than him-

"MINNIE" NEEDS THE SMELLING SALTS.



Miss Mary de Candia, who, with her sister, keeps a Ladbroke-square boarding house, sued Mr. E. M. Oram for damages for breach of promise. While the details of her courtship were unveiled to the jury yesterday, by the defendant's counsel, she was quite overcome by his eloquence. She obtained a farthing damages, and the judge said he did not know what on earth to do about costs.

self, but he did not "mind an extra year or two." What grieved him above everything was that Minnie had deceived him.

While Mr. Compston made an eloquent appeal to the jury, Minnie sat nestling by the side of Nellie, a pathetic picture of pretty innocence in one of its smartest frocks. But the juryman could not see their way to make the damages more than a farthing.

Whether Minnie will be allowed her costs is to be decided by Mr. Justice Phillimore next Friday. This decision was arrived at after his Lordship had first said he "did not know what on earth to do."

Richard Gregory, a Kingsland labourer, was at North London Police Court yesterday remanded on a charge of assaulting his aged father with a red-hot poker.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was at Westminster Police Court passed upon Charles H. Payne, twenty-nine, senior clerk in the accountants' department of the Army and Navy Stores, Victoria-street, S.W., for theft and falsification of accounts.

WIFE'S SUPPLICATION.

Pathetic Appeal to Her Husband
is Ignored.

In the Divorce Division yesterday, the President had before him the undefended petition of Mrs. Mary du Bois Holden for restitution of conjugal rights, the respondent being Mr. Henry Vincent Holden, who, it was stated, carries on business at 24, Coleman-street, City.

Petitioner married the respondent in 1892, and there was one child. The respondent took Lord Gerard's place, Eastwell Park, where they lived for nearly four years. When they gave that up he took the Marquis of Downshire's place, East-hampstead Park. On July 20, 1903, a man came and entered into possession. When respondent

TRAGEDY OF SOLITUDE.

The Deaths of Two Aged Sisters
in a Lonely Lodging.

Two small rooms on the top storey of a house in Edgware-road have been the scene of one of those minor tragedies of London life.

In this humble lodging two sisters, Jane and Sarah Naish, single women, each nearly eighty years of age, have passed the last six months. Below them one of a great city's great thoroughfares teeming with life and activity, and all around a densely populated district, only throwing into stronger relief the utter solitude of the life they had led.

For Dr. Danford Thomas, at Marylebone Coroner's Court yesterday, was told that these old ladies had been without a friend or relative in the world to comfort the declining days of their old age. A young woman named Florence White had attended to their meagre wants and had purchased their food, but beyond this solitary caller they saw no one. Neither of the sisters had been known to go out of the house during the time they had been at Edgware-road.

Dead on the Floor

Last Thursday the young woman made her customary call to learn their requirements, but found the old ladies were not up. On Friday she went again, and one of the sisters called out to her, "Good-night and God bless you." But before she descended the stairs again White heard groans, upon which she summoned the police. The door was forced open, and Jane, the elder of the sisters, was found lying dead on the floor. By her side lay Sarah Naish unconscious. There was plenty of food in the room, but a doctor who examined it found that it was quite unfit for people of their age.

Sarah Naish died less than twenty-four hours after the police arrived. Her death resulted from exhaustion due to self-neglect. Her sister, who must have died two or three days previously, had been suffering from congestion of the brain and pneumonia.

The sisters, it transpired, had for most of their life been in domestic service. Upon the death of a former mistress they had come into the enjoyment of an annuity of £20 a year, which they shared. In addition to this the elder had received



"MINNIE." The Mr. Oram whom "Minnie" sued for breach of promise, gave his evidence earnestly, clutching the rails.

£500 from the sale of a boarding house to the Great Central Railway. They have left no will, however, and at present no claim has been forthcoming for the money they left.

LIBEL BY POST-CARD.

The dangers of buying goods on the part-purchase system was again exemplified at the Central Criminal Court yesterday, when Harry Britton, a debt collector, was charged with publishing a false and defamatory libel concerning George Bedford, of the Engineers' Department, Great Northern Railway, King's Cross.

Mr. Bedford was induced by circulars to buy a parcel of household goods from the Prudential Furnishing Stores, Seven Sisters-road, Holloway, to the value of 50s., paying 6s. a month for them. After three or four payments had been made the prisoner, who manages a debt-collecting agency, wrote a series of open letters, and post-cards to Mr. and Mrs. Bedford demanding payment and threatening to expose the husband for obtaining goods under false pretences if he did not pay him the arrears at once. He also wrote to the prosecutor at his business address demanding the arrears and stating that he was authorised to do so, and that the whole of the circumstances under which Mr. Bedford obtained the goods on credit would be gone into if payment was not made at once. Dire threats and penalties were also threatened. Prisoner carried on this business at Hillmartin-road, Camden-road.

On the prisoner's newspaper was printed "Debtors' methods exposed," "Loss of homes," "Debtors sent to prison," "Assistance rendered to prosecutions," and other headlines.

The jury found the prisoner guilty, and brought in a rider stating that the store ought not to employ such a man to collect their debts. The judge (addressing the prisoner): I feel a natural indignation against you. You have threatened no mercy to those who don't pay their debts—only prison. I feel inclined to do the same with you. I fine you £25, and you remain in goal until it is paid.

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THE FIRST LENTEN WEDDING EVER HELD AT WESTMINSTER.



The Master of Belnaven, the only son of Lord Belnaven, was married yesterday to Lady Grizel Cochrane, the eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Dundonald, in King Henry the Seventh's Chapel, at Westminster Abbey, where never before has a society wedding been celebrated in Lent. Four years have elapsed since a marriage was solemnised in the Abbey. One of the bride's ancestors was buried in the Abbey, and for that reason she claimed the right to be married there.

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TRADITIONS v. BUSINESS.

With Sir William Harcourt announcing his retirement, and the Lyceum Theatre being sold up on the same day, the changing age forces itself upon our attention with particular insistence. "Two more links with the past snapped" would be the appropriate comment, if one did not recollect Mr. Zangwill's sarcastic remark that, considering the number of such links which were always being broken, he wondered the past managed to hold on at all! Two more landmarks disappearing; we may say, at any rate, both of which have played prominent parts in the drama of the last half-century's English history.

Sir William Harcourt is the last of the leading men who "took" the political stage in the Victorian epoch. Beside him nearly all the politicians of to-day appear to be merely beginners. They have not the "grand style." Their opinions wave this way and that. Their speeches are thrown off hastily and carry little conviction. Nor do they make up for having got rid of the heavy-weight tradition by showing that they are alive to the needs of the time, in harmony with the spirit of the age. That is the element in the situation which causes disquietude. No doubt the day of the heavy-weights is past. They were too much governed by convention and custom; they were slow to adapt themselves to changing conditions. Their ways are not the ways of this generation. It was time for them to be superannuated.

But are we not worse off, instead of better, with a race of politicians who have lost the

merits of the old school and not yet developed those of the new? Consider, for instance, the proceedings in the House of Commons on Monday. A statement about the Navy Estimates had been issued by Lord Selborne and printed in the newspapers, and every person who cared to know what we were going to spend on the Navy in 1904-5, and why we were going to spend it, knew it already. Yet Mr. Pretymann, Secretary to the Admiralty, got up on Monday afternoon and at great length told it all over again. Sheer waste of time!

Nor is this an isolated instance. The rules of the House of Commons compel time to be wasted. It is an unbusiness-like assembly, with so many cumbersome, antiquated forms that its proceedings make sensible men who are not slaves to custom despair of the affairs of the nation. Its whole method of doing its work requires overhauling, and as soon as someone with an instinct for orderly ways of getting through business were to take it in hand, he would find that it could dispose of all matters of importance in a few hours of the day instead of letting them drag on half the night, as they do at present.

BREAKFAST TABLE TALK.

The only sign of spring that has yet been noticed in London is the spring cleaning at the British Museum.

The Sovereign with the smallest kingdom in the world is alleged by a contemporary to be the King of the Cocos. It may be the "best" kingdom in the world, but it doesn't go farthest.

It is stated on good authority that the King of Serbia's first aide-de-camp and several other officers who took a leading part in the massacre of the Kosak are shortly to be transferred to other posts. Lamp-posts for choice.

The "Fruit Grower" declares that the bullfinch is the deadly enemy of the trade, and should be exterminated. "A sharp man or lad who can shoot on the wing," says that journal, "and the pest can soon be cleared."

What is really wanted, however, is a flying column.

Japanese diplomats are recognised for their inimitable tact. At Washington a member of the Japanese Legation has just been operated upon for appendicitis, and this appeal to American sentiment is expected to have good results.

It is getting so desperately fashionable for juries to give a farthing damages since the great Corelli case that if all the successful litigants were to send their winnings to Stratford-on-Avon Hospital the fund would only need to be kept open a few weeks.

From the "Morning Post" of yesterday—

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Surely this was inserted a day late.

The Russian cruiser Askold has been sunk again, or next door to it. The last time she was reported at the bottom of the harbour, but this does not seem to have interfered with her taking part in recent engagements, possibly as a submarine. The captain has begged the St. Petersburg authorities to let him know next time his vessel is destroyed.

"Young Lady" advertises in a Dunedin paper stating that she wishes to correspond with a young gentleman named George with a view to matrimony. The stipulation for a particular name is suggestive of an attempt to heal a broken heart. Doubtless "To George" appears on the returned trinkets in "Young Lady's" possession. Such an economical damsel ought not to be long finding a husband.

"PUNCH" ON THE PREMIER.

A Premier from North of the Tweed
By JOSEPH was hopelessly tired;
From a very back seat
He exclaimed with much heat,
"As long as I'm Leader I'll lead!"

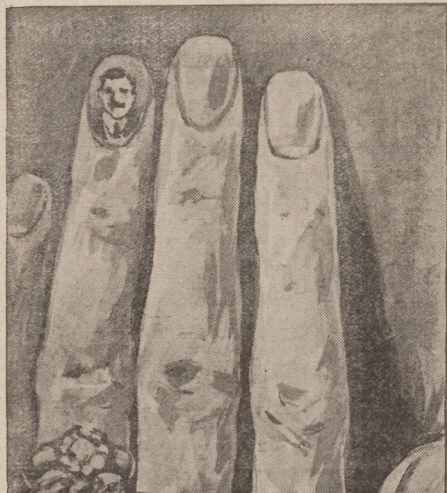
It chanced, from his sofa at Brighton,
That he asked, "Is the new man a right 'un?"
When they said, "His name's SLACK,"
He collapsed on his back,
And you ne'er saw a wearier Titan.

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SWEET SINGER WITH US AGAIN.



Madame Melba returns to-day from Monte Carlo, and will go on a provincial tour.



The latest ultra-"smart" fad imported from America is to have a photograph of your fiancé upon your finger nail. As your nail grows, the picture disappears with the use of the scissors, which is perhaps just as well, for engagements are not always lasting.

NOBLEMAN'S HEIRLOOMS MYSTERIOUSLY LOST.



At Christie's, on Saturday and Monday next, the Townshend heirlooms will be sold. When they were being prepared for the auction room, two oil paintings by Sir Joshua Reynolds, worth £20,000 the pair, were nowhere to be found. One was this portrait of Anne Montgomery, Marchioness Townshend, and another a picture of the Marchioness Charlotte. See page 5.

WITH THE BRITISH MISSION IN TIBET—NATIVES BRINGING IN SUPPLIES.



People of the Chumbi Valley waiting for the weighing of straw which they have brought rolled in blankets and bundles. The figures in the centre of the background are all women, who wear the small round forage-cap peculiar to the female inhabitants of the Valley and not found elsewhere in Tibet. It is always the same colour of green rough wool with a small bright scarlet square let in the front.



These two ladies, often small, and the graceful st.



Fencing is a fascina frame. London had special



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LADY DUELLISTS IN ACTION

SOME PRELIMINARY POSES.



These two ladies, expert fencers, are well known in London society. Houses in the great Metropolis are often small, and the furniture cannot be moved at a moment's notice; but a garden is a good place, so the graceful subjects of this picture fence in the open air every day that the weather permits.

TWO POSITIONS OF THE GRAND SALUTE.



It looks easy to lunge at an opponent with a foil, but it is not. Just try a lunge at home with a walking stick, aiming at a mark on a newspaper hung up on the wall; you will be lucky if at first you can hit the spot three times out of ten.

READY TO BEGIN.



Fencing is a fascinating exercise, especially suitable to ladies. It develops the figure and exhilarates the whole frame. London ladies are quite "struck" with it this spring. The photographs on this page have been specially taken for us and exhibit in a marked degree the advantages of the pastime.

FIGHTING ATTITUDE, ATTACK, PRIME PARRY.



Fencing is better exercise than any other outdoor sport, so its devotees declare, and requires a quicker eye than hockey, golf, and other field sports. A woman does not look attractive on a muddy field, gaitered and thick-booted, but the white fencing doublet and velvet breeches show off the figure.

"A HIT, A PALPABLE HIT."



Singular rapidity of movement is necessary. Men are constantly saying to one another how badly women walk! No lady fencer walks badly; she soon learns sureness of foot; her feet hold the ground. An interesting article on "Fair Fencers" by an expert appears on page 11.

SHAKING HANDS AFTER THE FIGHT.



Foil play takes us back to the old days of chivalry and punctilious courtesy. All the rules are exact, the movements neat and of an extreme nicety. While fencing or watching a fencing match, these ladies say they feel as though they were living in the times Stanley Weyman writes about.

When they were 20,000 the pair, Fownshend, and



background are colour of green

FAIR FENCERS.

Fashionable Ladies Who Delight in Foil Play.

Many of the most charming of the stage and society beauties of to-day owe much of their grace and elegance to that fascinating and delightful form of exercise—fencing. It has been urged

ELIJAH II. BAITED.

How the "Prophet" Dowie Has Been Chased by His Audiences.

Once more Dowie, the "second Elijah" and monumental humbug of Zion City, has got into trouble. His recent meeting in the Exhibition Building at Melbourne ended in dire confusion. The audience of 7,000 made a rush for the plat-

ROYALTY AND CHARITY.

Brilliant Gathering at His Majesty's Theatre.

Packed from floor to ceiling, the matinee performance in aid of the National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic was a success indeed. The music had barely begun when a bouquet of flowers laid on the ledge of one of the boxes

NEWS IN LITTLE.

Items of Interest from Far and Near.

H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge is progressing satisfactorily.

Among the tens of thousands of cases of distress aided by the Church Army last year were 1,344 soldiers.

At Birmingham children are being taught the art of shopping, as a preliminary to being given lessons in cooking.

Pall Mall has approved the proposal to include motor bicyclists in the Motor Volunteer Corps, limiting the number, however, to forty.

For £77 a rare edition of Edward VI.'s First Prayer-book was sold at Sotheby's yesterday. A copy of the Second Prayer-book went at £20.

Glamorganshire constables have offered to pay sixpence towards the expense of having bright buttons on their coats the same as the sergeants.

Japanese writers have discovered a striking resemblance between Sir Henry Irving's voice and that of the great Japanese actor Danjuro, who died recently.

Lord Penrhyn was re-elected unopposed, at Bethesda, on Saturday, as County Councillor for the parish of Llandegai, in which the Penrhyn quarries are situated.

"Punch" professes to hear that the fact that the life of Consul, the Chimpanzee, was heavily insured has led to the appearance of several persons who claim to be his next-of-kin.

Fire broke out yesterday morning in the Woolwich Public Library, which contains an unsurpassed collection of scientific books and many other valuable volumes. Serious damage was narrowly averted.

At Bath Town Council yesterday the mayor announced that the Hon. R. J. Smith, as the result of further investigations, had detected radium not only in the deposit of the mineral springs but in the water itself.

In connection with the death of Mrs. Harriet Stacey, who was found last month lying strangled in her house in Safford, a coroner's jury at Cardiff yesterday returned a verdict of Wilful Murder against some person or persons unknown.

Fined at Marlborough-street for driving a motor-car without a rear light, the defendant pleaded that the conviction might not be endorsed on the licence, as if he got three such endorsements he would be disqualified from renewing it.

The official announcement is made of the appointment of Field-Marshal H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., etc., commanding the Forces in Ireland and the Third Army Corps, to be Inspector-General of the Forces and President of the Selection Board.

The Buenos Aires and Rosario Railway Companies have refused the demands of the strikers, and efforts made by the Government to bring about a solution of the crisis have also failed. The engine-drivers and stokers are now threatening to join the strike. Goods traffic is paralyzed.

Conventness, said the Rev. Arnold Pinchard in his Lenten sermon at St. Paul's, Covent Garden, yesterday, was responsible for "the mania of cheap shopping." People disregarded the fact that the sale of a 2s. 6d. article for 11d. might have inflicted intolerable suffering on their brethren.

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other athletic pastimes for ladies—tennis, bicycling, and the like—that although they make for health they are too vigorous and are apt to spoil a belle's drawing-room bearing.

But no such objection can be made to fencing. Grace, suppleness, and elegance, the most charming of feminine attributes, are essential to foil play, and it is daily growing in favour both among the young ladies and demimoules and the ladies of the stage and concert platform.

Among many other well-known ladies who delight in this play are the Duchess of Orleans, the Countess of Warwick, Lady Dudley, Mrs. Trevelyan, Miss Julia Neilson, Miss Annie Tempess, Mrs. Blanche Marchesi, and Miss Clara Butt. Miss Play of the Palace Theatre will be fresh in the memory of all. Leaders of the aristocracy, knowing the value of a graceful accomplishment, nearly all send their daughters to a fencing master, amongst them being the Duchess of Roxburghe, the Duchess of Cambridge, the Marchioness of Lonsdale, and Lady Moring.

A Pretty Sight.

Ordinarily no masculine eye may see fashionable ladies fencing. The costume necessary—a very short skirt and knickerbockers—makes them chary of exhibiting their prowess to male spectators. But one dame has been privileged to see a bout between two damsels at M. Felix Bertrand's salle d'armes in Warwick-street cannot speak too enthusiastically of the sight.

There is no prettier picture to be seen than a young maiden ready for the fray, and the graceful lines of the body, the sudden, lithe lunge and the graceful recovery, and the supple play of wrist and hand, that the fair fencers display are a delight to the eye.

Indeed, particularly those who are accustomed to exercises, make much more apt pupils than the average. The costume necessary—a very short skirt and knickerbockers—makes them chary of exhibiting their prowess to male spectators. But one dame has been privileged to see a bout between two damsels at M. Felix Bertrand's salle d'armes in Warwick-street cannot speak too enthusiastically of the sight.

Noted Lady Fencers.

The value of which Mr. George Buchanan attributes to the art of cultivating grace may be seen in the fact that he regularly sends the Countess of Warwick to M. Bertrand for instruction. And from our musical academies and from the stage and concert platform come their more fashionable sisters, the young ladies being rapidly on the increase. Students at the Royal Academy of Music are no less keen on the "chore" with the ladies of France. The question is even more popular than it is in the Old Country, have more than held their own at the game. Miss Toupie Lowther, and Lady Champion of England, decisively defeated the French lady champion, when they met, what time ago at the Empress Rooms.

form, and the "prophet" only escaped by hiding for three hours in the organ loft.

This is no novel experience for the Rev. Mr. Dowie.

In 1900, during his campaign in London, he had to fly, and was pursued and pelted with eggs. Leeds and Manchester showed an equally strong objection to his proceedings. In Chicago, in 1903, he put on a pair of silk wings and strutted up and down the platform proclaiming he was Elijah the Second. Again the crowd showed its disapproval, and Dowie had to fly. In New York a little

announced the arrival of the royal party—the Princess of Wales, dressed in dark crimson, with a white toque trimmed with fur; the Duchess of Albany, and the Prince of Wales.

"The Ninth Wave" began the programme, which included scenes from "Julius Caesar," "The Case of Rebellious Susan," "Much Ado About Nothing," and "A Pantomime Rehearsal," which occasioned much merriment.

Sir Charles Wyndham, Mr. George Alexander, Mr. Arthur Bourchier, Mr. Sydney Brough, Mr. Fred Terry; Miss Mary Moore, Miss Violet Van

TRIALS OF DR. DOWIE, LATTER-DAY ELIJAH.



The famous self-styled Prophet has been more effectively rotten-egged, assaulted, pursued, and hunted for than any other modern martyr. In Chicago he put on a pair of pantomime wings and hopped across the stage to give the audience an idea of how he would look as an angel.

later he called his audience "a pack of thieves," and he only just escaped from their fury with the aid of his bodyguard of forty Zionists.

Then in Sydney, a few weeks ago, a howling crowd of 5,000 broke up his meeting, and chased him to his hotel.

brugh, Miss Lena Ashwell, Miss Marion Terry, and Miss Decima Moore were only a few of the leading lights of the theatrical profession who generously gave their services.

When the Queen visited the Millbank estate of the L.C.C., the suggested more cupboard space. Yesterday it was announced that extra cupboards would be provided at a total cost of £710.

A PAGE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN.

MARRIAGE RAIMENT.

Lady Grizel Cochrane chose for her wedding, which was solemnised yesterday in Henry VII.'s Chapel, Westminster Abbey, a beautiful toilette in which white and silver were most skilfully mingled. Made of the most delicately fine and soft white

buckle. The chemisettes were of beautiful lace, and the sleeves were closely and artistically gauged to the wrists. A repetition of the classical note was observed in the draperies of the skirt, which were edged with silver galoon, and there was more than a suggestion of nymphs and shepherdesses of the far-off times in the crooks that were carried, bunched at the top with snowdrops and smilax.

NOVELTIES IN BEADS.

The bead-work craze, begun to make fob chains, belts and chains, has developed through the constant efforts of many designers into a very profitable means of support.

Very striking is an Indian bead belt composed of large beads. Nine strands of beads are plaited,



The wedding dress worn by the bride of yesterday, Lady Grizel Cochrane, was made of white satin veiled with chiffon and decorated with silver thistles, orange blossom, and myrtle.



Very uncommon and charming were the classical gowns worn by the thirteen bridesmaids who followed Lady Grizel Cochrane to the altar. There should have been fourteen, but one young lady was prevented by illness from coming.



The grey and silver gown, brightened with pink carnations, in which the bride left home.

and the novelty is that the centre which encircles the waist has the nine strands of beads plaited in such a way as to make the belt wider but more pliable than the ordinary model. Then from the waist-line the ends are plaited in three single strands that fall about fifteen inches below the waist. Each of these is finished with a long tassel headed by a large fancy bead. The girl ties in the front.

Stock collars are among the latest novelties in beads. Indian bead opera bags, and ring and chain purses are also being seen again. Some are made of cut steel, while others are of the Indian bead beads, often worked up into very elaborate designs.

A DAUGHTER OF ERIN.

The younger of the Duke of Connaught's daughters will be eighteen on St. Patrick's Day, and, although she will not properly "come out" until after a presentation at Buckingham Palace, she is taking part in the gaieties in Dublin, and was present last night at the royal ball at Kilmarnock Hotel.

satin, the gown was veiled with chiffon, and the bodice was completed with a delicate yoke of Venetian point lace, softened and beautified by white chiffon and tiny chiffon roses.

The sleeves were very full ones of chiffon, gauged at the top to coincide with the three rows of gauging round the corsage, and brought into deep cuffs of lace to match the yoke. Trailing from one shoulder were silver thistles, orange blossom, and myrtle, and silver thistles also figured upon her skirt, holding up the draperies of chiffon at intervals, in company with further trails of orange blossom and of chiffon roses.

Lady Grizel's veil was charmingly arranged by means of a couple of sprays of orange blossom that girdled the back of her coiffure and were finished with big clumps at each side of the front.

Classical Robes for the Bridesmaids.

Her fourteen bridesmaids repeated the design of the veil and flowers, only instead of wearing orange blossom they had pure white snowdrops and trails of smilax. Their white chiffon dresses were made in the Empire fashion over white silk, with full bodices classically banded with pale snowdrop green ribbon clasped in the centre with a paste

The bride's going-away dress was one of palest grey cloth, with a bolero of the same elongated into the back in a single tab, but cut away in front to show a vest of cream lace. Trimmings of silver passementerie and silk tassels beautified the toilette, to which a touch of colour was given by means of a knot of pale pink carnations tucked into the vest, which colour note was repeated in the grey chiffon hat, with its cluster of carnations beneath the brim.

The Bride's Mother.

Happily on so inclement a day as yesterday was, there was an ample wrap provided to cover the bride's dress upon the journey. It was made of grey cloth to match the costume, and was trimmed with a large grey lace collar, down the sides being dull silver passementerie trimming, including tassels to match those upon the corsage. A lining of delicate pink satin to match the malmaisons and a softening of gauged chiffon completed this lovely coat.

Lady Dundonald's dress for her daughter's marriage was very appropriately trimmed with sable, for the day was quite one of the coldest and most wintry ones of the present year. It was made of the new pure petunia chiffon-velvet, trimmed with borderings of sable, and had a shoulder collar of delicate cream lace embroidered with roses the colour of the velvet, and down the skirt a panel of embroidered crepe de Chine to match.

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THE PLAY OF THE FINAL COUPON.

WEEKLY COMPETITION 9.—Coupon D.

By J. B. ELWELL.

♥ 9, 7, 3.

♠ J, 10, 9, 2.

♣ J, 9, 7, 2.

♦ 7, 6.

♥ 6, 2.

♠ 9, 6, 4.

♣ 8, 6, 5, 4, 3.

♦ A, K.

♥ 10, 8.

♠ A, K, Q, 7.

♣ A, Q, 10.

♦ 4, 3, 2.

♥ 10, 8.

♠ A, K, Q, 7.

♣ A, Q, 10.

♦ 4, 3, 2.

Score: AB, 1 game and love; YZ, 1 game and 2. Deals and declares Hearts; Z leads ♠.

THE PLAY.

| Trick. | A | Y | B | Z |
|--------|-----|------|-----|------|
| 1. | ♠ 4 | ♠ 2 | ♠ 3 | ♠ K |
| 2. | ♠ 6 | ♠ 9 | ♥ 4 | ♠ Q |
| 3. | ♥ 8 | ♥ 3 | ♥ K | ♥ 8 |
| 4. | ♠ K | ♠ 7 | ♠ 6 | ♠ 2 |
| 5. | ♥ 5 | ♥ 7 | ♥ Q | ♥ A |
| 6. | ♠ 6 | ♠ 10 | ♥ 6 | ♠ A |
| 7. | ♠ A | ♥ 9 | ♥ J | ♥ 10 |

Tricks 8 to 13.—B makes five spades and Z makes ace of diamonds. Result.—AB win 10 tricks; YZ win 3 tricks. Score.—AB, 32 (game and rubber).

COMMENTS.

Trick 3.—B tries to clear the trumps at once, before touching the spades. Z, seeing that the only plain suit which B can have is blocked in dummy, defers his ace of trumps until the second round, when, if B takes out ♠ A or ♠ K, A will not have another trump to lead.

Trick 4.—B sees that he must now lead one round of spades before continuing trumps. Y can hold one more spade at most. To continue a second round is a wholly gratuitous risk. AB cannot win the game unless the trumps lie evenly, in which case the best spade can be thrown away on the third round of trumps, leaving B with the rest of the suit clear.

Trick 6.—Z's best chance is to force the strong hand again. This saves the game if B has two diamonds. Trick 7.—B clears the trumps and the spades simultaneously.

COUNTING THE CARDS IN COUPON A.

H. C. M. asks: "How can Z tell that B holds one card higher than the 7 led?" Because, by the rules for leading in No-trumps, the 7 must be the fourth best of A's suit of Spades.

THE DISQUALIFICATION RULE.

One of the winners of a Bridge Box in Weekly Competition No. 8 says he would prefer to waive the prize, so that he may be eligible to be a winner in No. 9, as he has taken a great deal of trouble with the latter. He is, of course, at liberty to exercise the desired option. It would perhaps be discouraging to remind him that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush."

"I think it was very foolish for Y to declare No-trumps on the hand last Monday week," writes "Tyro." "If he had declared diamonds, YZ would have made the odd trick, and scored six, instead of AB scoring twelve." The hand was:—♥ K, 7, 5, 2; ♠ K, J, 5; ♦ K, 7, 5, 3; ♣ A, K. It is an undoubted No-trumper. "Tyro" must never judge by the results of any one particular distribution of cards.

S. C. (Peckham) asks for our opinion as to proper declaration as dealer, at game-all, love-all, on:—

♥ A, K, 10, 2; ♠ A, K, Q, 9, 4; ♦ No-trump; ♣ K, 6, 4, 2.

While fully recognising that the cards might possibly so lie as to give the opponents Grand Slam (eleven tricks in Diamonds, and Ace, Queen, Spades), we should declare No-trumps, and should be glad of the chance. "This hand caused a good deal of discussion," adds S. C., "and we agreed to refer the point to you."

"Will you please reply decisively whether it being third player and holding A, K, Q, 7, 6, 5 of one suit, and K, 7 of another, should double? No-trump declaration made by Y (Dummy)? It may add that the members of our club lead short suit if partner has doubled." (From "Norwegian.") It is universally held that third hand should double. The long suit is of the typical kind, which the "shortest-suit convention" is intended to provide.

The Simplex Bridge Tournament Record will be sent by the publishers of this paper on receipt of P.O. for 1s. 1d.

WHY WOMEN FAVOUR CONSCRIPTION.

Military Training Makes the Man a Girl Can Respect As a Husband.

Conscription as a means for improving the physique of young Englishmen is a suggestion made by a lady who writes as follows to the *Daily Illustrated Mirror*:

"If I am right in believing that marriages are decreasing in England, it is easy to supply the reason. The physique of our young men is declining, and the present generation is, to a large extent, composed of narrow-chested, stunted, round-shouldered men, in whom women find no attraction to induce them to marry."

"Twentieth century girls, thanks to greater freedom from restraint, the death of the tight-lacing

Leap Year Day opportunity was so keenly welcomed as it would have been had there been more strapping specimens of male humanity to be proposed to.

"This deterioration in our young men can be traced to the growing unpopularity of the Army, and to the taste for acting as spectators to field sports rather than taking part in them."

"The remedy for the whole thing is conscription, which must be adopted if we are to have enough able-bodied, healthy young men to go round."

No better proof of the benefit of an Army training can be given than to note the weak-looking, loutish hobble-de-boy specimens of humanity that

GOOD-BYE, LYCEUM.

Souvenirs of the "Sublime Society of Steaks."

"Well, you're about the most lively and anxious lot of persons I have ever preached to." The speaker was the auctioneer at the sale of Lyceum relics, held on the stage of the theatre, yesterday. His tone was sarcastic, and it was justified by the lack of enthusiasm displayed by the bidders.

In spite of the salesman's appeals to the sympathies of his audience and his references to the in

HUSBAND'S PROVOCATION.

Attacked a Drunken Wife and Gets Off Easily.

Indicted at the Old Bailey yesterday for the attempted murder of his wife Annie, John Mortimer, a Richmond labourer, asked for and obtained the benefit of counsel under the Poor Prisoners' Defence Act.

Prisoner attacked his wife with a poker, and afterwards threw corrosive acid over her. He then rather severely cut his throat. Their married life

WHY WOMEN WOULD LIKE CONSCRIPTION.



A young lady writes to the "*Daily Illustrated Mirror*" to say that she is sure if only men were compelled to serve as soldiers they would be more marriageable. Our young men nowadays, she thinks, are weedy and flat-chested, and not at all attractive.

NOW LET THE JAPS LOOK OUT!



This gentleman, Don Jaime Jean Charles Alphonse Philippe de Bourbon-Arjuz, born at Vercy, in Switzerland, in 1859, and son of Don Carlos, the Pretender to the Spanish Throne, is a Russian Lieutenant of Hussars—and has gone to the front!

coarser, and less codding in their youth, are stronger, mentally and physically, than girls of even fifty years ago, and they like to look up to, and respect, the man they marry.

But, unfortunately, the man a girl can look up to (in every sense of the word) is becoming more and more rare, and I can hardly believe that the

are day by day picked up by recruiting sergeants and to observe how soon they are transformed into smart, well-developed men, confident in bearing and alert in movement.

Filling Their Uniforms.

How much women admire a well-developed man is easily seen by the attraction soldiers have for them. It is not the red coat; it is the man within who takes their attention. A regiment of civilians picked at random and dressed in the uniform worn by the Guards would excite amusement rather than admiration, and yet these civilians, if they went through the same course of drill as the Guards, would soon swell out their uniforms as gallantly as do their present wearers.

Admiralty authorities have ordered the obsolete but leships Forc and Algiers, attached to the Sheerness Reserve, to be sold from the Navy.

teresting history of the famous theatre, most of the "lots" went for a mere song.

The gothic panelling of the "Sublime Society of Steaks" was the most interesting of the relics sold. It was bought for the "Old Punch Bowl" Club, a Bohemian society that numbers Lord Roberts amongst its members.

The "Sublime Society of Steaks" first met in the reign of Queen Anne, and consisted of all the most famous wits and writers of the time.

It broke up in 1803, but for the last forty years of its existence foregathered to eat steaks and exchange epigrams in a room that was specially built for it behind the stage of the Lyceum. The theatre itself was built in 1830, though for twenty years before that time a building had been used for a theatre.

Sir Henry Irving became the manager in 1878. Mr. Pinero was then an actor who took small parts in the Lyceum company.

Miss Ellen Terry's dressing-room table and fittings sold for 10s.

had been unhappy; prisoner making complaints respecting the conduct of his wife with a man now on ticket-of-leave. For the defence it was submitted that prisoner had been subject to a deal of provocation.

The jury found prisoner guilty of wounding, but without intent to murder, under great provocation.

Giving evidence on his own behalf, Mortimer said he had worked hard all his life, and that his wife had spent the money in drink.

The extenuating circumstances were admitted by the Judge, who passed sentence of three months' hard labour.

Fire broke out on board the ss. Glenturret at Singapore yesterday. The cargo was very much damaged.

Mr. G. A. Pritchard, it is stated, has been appointed to the Governorship of H.M. prison at Swansea.



An average young Britisher, according to our lady correspondent, looks weedy, a regular wreck of a man whom no woman would like to marry.



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AN AUSTRALIAN COLLAPSE.

In the Test Match at Sydney the Last Five Colonial Batsmen Only Scored Seventeen Runs Between Them.

BILLETS AND BULLETS.

Accident to the Leading Jockey at Southwell Meeting.

We have seen the Grand National run in a snow-storm before a gigantic concourse of people, but the attractions at the second half of the Southwell Hunt Meeting were insufficient to induce many sportsmen to venture out in the frost and snow, and bookmakers could scarcely have written sufficient bets in their volumes to pay for their railway fares. However, in spite of the weather, there have been very few postponements this season, and we cannot at present complain. The Midland meeting at Lichfield is "off," owing to the frost.

P. Woodland, who would have been riding at Ludlow had that meeting commenced, took a mount at Southwell on Florimel, a useful sort of animal, who could well stay a country in more youthful days. The snow had yesterday caused the horses' hoofs to "ball," and the leading jockey came down, upon which Stephano nearly killed him by jumping close to the fallen rider, who met with some injuries, but, fortunately, they are reported to be far from a serious character. Woodland has recently been almost incapacitated by an excessively bad cold, but he had a sufficiently warm time yesterday to last him for a while.

Syneros, who suddenly and in a fit of astounding good humour, won the Nottinghamshire Maiden Hurdle Handicap, has been one of the most disappointing of horses, and it is rather for wonder that Mr. R. C. Vyner felt inclined to keep him. He is by that beautiful stallion Marston, and has been backed for all sorts of big handicaps on the flat, including the Prince Edward Handicap, in which he finished third to Mormon, but his best form was shown at Ripon, where he is trained.

Castles in the Air.

Forgotten, who remembered to win the Causton Steeplechase, is of divided parentage, one of his reputed sires being Undecided, a Royal Hampton horse, whom the late Tom Castle, stud groom at Chidwick, once went all the way to Goodwood to see with the Stewards' Cup. He, however, succumbed to Wile Virgin.

The qualities of this horse were not agreeable to the late Sir Blundell Maple, who did not like anyone to beat him in judgment of the thoroughbred. When the son of Royal Hampton was a foal he looked such a wreck that Sir Blundell ordered him to be taken away and shot. Tom Castle demurred, and tendered forty guineas for him. This offer having been accepted, the colt prospered, proved to be a winner, ran second in the Stewards' Cup, and has since some fairly good races.

Which reminds me that Minchmuir, the runner-up for the recent Waterloo Cup, narrowly escaped the unfriendly bullet. When Mr. Herbert Thomas Michels, a gentleman well-known on the Stock Exchange, found that none would bid a "five" for Minchmuir, he declared he would shoot the pup rather than part with him for less than that sum. Had Minchmuir won at Aintree, the fielders would have been called upon to pay out several thousands. As it was, Mr. Michels only won a hundred or so. In addition to coursing from Harry Hood's Southminster Kennels, Mr. Michels is addicted to yachting, a delightful form of sport, in which he has achieved considerable success.

Another City sportsman is Mr. Buttel, owner of Manifesto. He has for some seasons engaged a special train to take his guests to Liverpool. On one occasion they enjoyed the felicity of seeing Manifesto won, on another run third, and in 1904 they may —? hit the bullseye like

THE ARROW.

SPORT JOTTINGS.

In a ladies' hurdle match at Dublin yesterday Ireland defeated Wales by 10 goals to 6.

The Tumbidgee Wells, Rangers F.C. hold a grand concert at the Great Hall, on the 22nd inst., in aid of the club funds.

This afternoon, at the Oxford, Joe Carroll and Jack Smith will wrestle for the middle-weight championship of the world and £200 a-side.

The Grand Military Point-to-Point Races will be run in the Picheyque country, half a mile from Althorp Park Station, on the 22nd inst. The entries close on the 6th.

The Australian Cup was run for at Flemington (Victoria) yesterday, and resulted in a win for Marmon; Scottish King being second and Seaport third.—Reuter.

Jeffries and Monroe have agreed to fight for the heavy-weight championship of the world and for a purse of \$20,000 dollars, the match to be decided in May, at San Francisco.

At the Forest Gate Public Hall to-morrow evening, Waunstead F.C. are holding their sixth annual concert. The admission is one shilling, and proceedings commence at 8 p.m. sharp.

At Southwell yesterday, H. Hunt, the amateur cross-country jockey, won the big events in which he took part. He rode Sequel II. (10 to 1 against) and Tweed-punch (11-10 against).

At San Francisco yesterday, Young Corbett maintained the feather-weight championship against Dave Sullivan. From America, where some marvellous feats in boxing have been achieved, will be invited to attend and compete.

It has been decided in the ensuing summer to hold an anglers' tournament at the Crystal Palace, a feature of which will be a fly and bait casting competition, and a contest for the best fly fishing in which Mr. E. Le P. Nichols, of Branscombe, by a foot in the water, and Smith was penalised 8 yards, but did not run prominently.

NEWS FROM NEWMARKET.

Spinning Minnow Out of the Swim.

The snow of Monday did not prevent some of the Lincolnshire Handicap candidates undergoing useful galloping work.

I have previously mentioned Cosack in these columns, and I am bound to deal with him again, for it would be an utter impossibility for any horse to do better. He is receiving a nice preparation, and will be fit to run soon, for he is a horse who does not require an immensity of galloping exercise.

Making reference to the animals trained here who are left in the big handicap at Lincoln, Lady Hays has made such great improvement that it is impossible to ignore her winning chance. She is much fancied, and should justify the confidence placed in her, by at least securing a place.

Corisier is another Lincolnshire Handicap horse who is greatly fancied. Leach is giving him a nice preparation, and he is likely to be with the leading division at the finish of the race.

Although on Saturday last Nakhband was easily beaten in the Farlow Handicap by Bonnie Scott, in the presence of Mr. Ernest Dresden, I pay no regard to his performance, for he is a much better horse (at least in my opinion) in his position in the trial warrants, and I still consider him to have a fair chance of winning the Bathany Plate at Lincoln for the third successive year.

Although Littleton has been doing no active work, and may not compete for the Lincolnshire Handicap, he is a sharp runner, who should be noted for his engagements in other big handicaps.

Concerning jumpers, Jarvis's Archon and Spinning Minnow have been on the easy list, and the preparation of Pride of Mahabetsoma, J. Cannon's Liverpool Grand National candidate, has been retarded through her being subjected to a period of enforced rest.

A sharp frost overnight was followed by snow, which continues to fall up to the time of writing these notes.

RACING RETURNS.

SOUTHWELL.—TUESDAY.

2.0.—DODDINGTON HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE OF 70. Three miles.
Mr. J. Muddimer's SQUEL II, by Assessor—Fair
Mr. R. Cooper's THE FAD, aged, 10st 11lb. Blonac 2
Mrs. M. Jolland's CLAWSON, aged, 10st 2lb. A Jolland 3
Also ran—Harry On (aged, 11st 10lb. Kilmordun, aged, 10st 12lb. Bobbie, aged, 10st 9lb. Bodger (9yrs, 10st 9lb. Shilbo (9yrs, 10st 11lb. (Winner trained by H. Hunt).

Betting—5 to 1 on Harry On, 9 to 4 against Florimel, 10 to 1 each Sequel II, The Fawcett, and any other offered. Won in a canter by three lengths, a length between the second and third.

2.35.—UPTON MAIDEN SELLING HURDLE RACE OF 70. 5yrs. Two miles.
Mr. H. Bee's TWEEDPUNCH, by El Diablo—Tights, 4yrs, 10st 10lb. (aged, 10st 2lb. Mr. H. Hunt 1
Mr. A. G. Bingham's BLACK GEAN, 4yrs, 10st 10lb. (aged, 10st 10lb. Mr. H. Hunt 2
Mr. C. Hibbert's SING ON, 5yrs, 10st 10lb. Mr. J. Sharpe 3
Also ran—Orillon (4yrs, 10st 10lb. Miss Welland (5yrs, 10st 10lb. Scottish Archer (5yrs, 10st 10lb. (Winner trained by Sheddin).

Betting—11 to 1 on Twedpunch, 6 to 4 Scottish Archer, 10 to 1 any other offered. Won by two lengths; four lengths separated the second and third.

3.10.—FARNDOON HANDICAP HURDLE RACE OF 80. 5yrs. Two miles.
Mr. C. Smithman's HARBUR, by Ayrshire—Haresfoot, 4yrs, 11st 4lb (7lb 6oz) by T. Bissell 1
Mr. N. H. Scott's VERIDIAN, 4yrs, 11st 7lb. J. Phillips 2
Mr. C. Clutterbuck's MICHIELO, aged, 10st 10lb. Mr. W. Hall 3
Also ran—King's Idler (aged, 12st 7lb. Ching Bell, 5yrs, 10st 11lb. West Mores (5yrs, 10st 11lb. Roile Doon (5yrs, 10st 11lb. (Winner trained by Bissell).

Betting—13 to 1 on West Mores, 9 to 2 King's Idler, 5 to 1 Veridian, 5 to 1 Michieolo, 10 to 1 any other. Won by three-quarters of a length; a length and a half between the second and third. The winner was sold to Mr. A. G. Bingham for 140 guineas.

3.45.—NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MAIDEN HURDLE RACE OF 200. 5yrs. Two miles.
Mr. Vyner's BURNBURY, by Maiden Lize, 5yrs, 11st 3lb. J. Thompson's ST. HILARIOUS, 5yrs, 11st 3lb. E. Pigott 2
Mr. E. Daleghie's PITCH DARK, 4yrs, 10st 4lb. Mr. J. Sharpe 3
Also ran—Simonschatch (4yrs, 10st 3lb. Roy Lopez (4yrs, 10st 10lb. His Grace (4yrs, 10st 3lb. The Solihull, 5yrs, 11st 3lb. Royal Drake (5yrs, 11st 4lb. Despatch (4yrs, 10st 11lb. Derrigun (4yrs, 10st 11lb. (Winner trained by J. Elger).

Betting—7 to 2 each age The Solihull and St. Hilarius, 9 to 2 Roy Lopez, 10 to 1 Royal Drake, 10 to 2 Bynars, 10 to 1 His Grace, 10 to 1 Pitch Dark or any other offered. Won by a length; two lengths divided the second and third.

4.20.—WESTHORPE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE OF 70. 5yrs. Two miles.
Mr. A. D. H. Law's KIRKBY GRANGE, by Gallopings—Lad-Lad Dame, 4yrs, 11st 10lb. J. Phillips 1
Mr. Whitehead's MOPHIE, aged, 10st 10lb. W. Morgan 2
Mr. H. Bee's HOYAKKE, aged, 11st 10lb. W. Morgan 3
Also ran—Harting, aged, 12st 7lb. Bonnie Prince Charlie (aged, 12st 3lb. Marston Road (aged, 11st 5lb. Ping Pong (5yrs, 11st 5lb. Jim (aged, 10st 12lb. (Winner trained by Dewar).

Betting—7 to 2 each age Bonnie Prince Charlie, 2 to 1 Mopie, 8 to 1 Kirkby Grange, 10 to 1 Hoyake or any other offered. Won by its length; half third.

4.50.—CAUNTON STEEPLECHASE OF 70. 5yrs. Two miles.
Mr. D. Paget's FORGOTTEN, by Undecided or Badly—Memento, 4yrs, 10st 2lb. H. Jackson 1
Mr. R. Craig's COURT FLAVOUR, 4yrs, 10st 2lb. Mr. W. Bissell 2
Mr. A. Fint's DOT II, late Flickering Fly, 4yrs, 10st 2lb. (Winner trained privately).

Betting—Even on Forgiven, 6 to 4 age Court Flavour, 6 to 1 Dot II. Won by three lengths; China Bell, 10 to 1, separated the second and third.

ORDER OF RUNNING.

PORTSMOUTH PARK TO-DAY.

Hambleton Maiden Steeplechase 1.15
Waterloo Selling Hurdle 1.45
Emphire Handicap Steeplechase 2.15
Mr. Whitehead's MOPHIE 2.45
Solent Selling Steeplechase 3.15
Bathany Handicap Steeplechase 3.45
Lincolnshire Maiden Hurdle 4.15

SANDOWN PARK TO-MORROW.

Selling Handicap Steeplechase 1.45
Maiden Selling Hurdle 2.15
Liverpool Trial Steeplechase 2.45
Ailsie Hurdle 3.15
South-Western Steeplechase 3.45
Warren Maiden Hurdle 4.15

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Ailsie Hurdle Race, Sandown Park.—Jack Gay.
South-Western Handicap, Sandown Park.—Sweetheart II.
Lincoln engagements.—Willon Castle and Norham.
All engagements in Mr. L. Robinson's name.—Richmond Row.
All engagements in Mr. H. L. Storey's name.—Athos.
All engagements under National Hunt rules.—Kob.
South-Western Handicap, Portsmouth Park.—Dick Donohue.
Colwall Park engagements.—Sue Cob and Miss Morrie.

ENGLAND DOING WELL.

168 Runs On With Nine Wickets to Fall.

—SYDNEY, March 1.

The condition of the wicket was very bad to-day, and play in the Test match could not be resumed until four o'clock. There were then 2,000 spectators present, and the number was increased to 3,000 before the close of the day's play. At the drawing of stumps on Saturday—not a ball having been bowled yesterday—the Colonials had, in face of a total of 240, scored 114 for the loss of five wickets.

McLeod and Kelly, the not outs, continued the innings to the bowling of Arnold and Rhodes. The wicket was sticky at one end, but at the other the ball cut through. In the outfield the turf was very heavy. The batsmen could do nothing, and were quite helpless against the admirable bowling.

Foster, the Juggler.

Two runs having been added, Kelly was caught at slip, Foster juggling with the ball before he managed to hold it, and at 124 McLeod was bowled. Then at 126 another catch by Foster at slip got rid of Gregory. Trumble was caught at the wicket, and Cotter at third man; the innings, which had lasted three hours, coming to an end for 131. Only fifty-one balls were bowled to-day. Rhodes taking three wickets for 9 runs and Arnold two for 6.

Holding a lead of 115, England went in for the second time. Warner opened the order, Hayward and Foster opening the innings. Trumble and Noble shared the bowling. The batsmen began cautiously, both showing excellent form. The score having reached 20, McLeod retired, Noble, and at 35 Trumble gave way to Hopkins. The wicket did not seem so difficult as when the Australians were batting.

With the total at 49, Foster was caught at short-leg. Arnold followed in, and after Hayward had added a single time was called. As the game went on, the Englishmen are 108 runs ahead with nine wickets to fall. At the close the weather was clearing up and the wicket improving.

ENGLAND.—First Innings.

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| P. E. Warner, b. Noble | 0 |
| Hayward, c. M. Foster, b. Trumble | 18 |
| Trumble, c. Gregory, b. Noble | 16 |
| Brand, c. Trumble, b. Noble | 13 |
| Noble, not out | 70 |
| Hirst, b. Noble | 25 |
| B. J. T. Douglas, b. Hopkins | 12 |
| Arnold, b. b. Noble, b. Rhodes | 24 |
| Lilley, c. Hopkins, b. Trumble | 24 |
| Rhodes, at Kelly, b. Noble | 16 |
| Extras | 16 |
| Total | 249 |

Second Innings.—Hayward (not out), 25; R. E. Foster, c. M. Noble, 27; Arnold (not out), 0; total (for one wicket), 52.

AUSTRALIA.

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| D. Duff, b. Arnold | 47 |
| V. Trumble, b. Brand | 33 |
| H. Hirst, b. Brand | 33 |
| P. M. Auster, c. Arnold, b. Rhodes | 2 |
| A. Hopkins, b. Brand | 2 |
| C. McLeod, b. Rhodes | 18 |
| Kelly, c. Foster, b. Arnold | 6 |
| M. Noble, not out | 9 |
| S. Gregory, c. Foster, b. Rhodes | 2 |
| H. Hirst, c. L. B. Rhodes, b. Rhodes | 2 |
| A. Cotter, c. Trumble, b. Arnold | 0 |
| Extras | 2 |
| Total | 151 |

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

| AUSTRALIA.—First Innings. | Wickets. |
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| Arnold | 28 |
| Rhodes | 25 |
| Brand | 27 |
| Hirst | 56 |
| Bosquet | 0 |

—Reuter's Special Service.

'VARSITY CREWS AT WORK.

OXFORD.

The Dark Blues' early morning work at Henley yesterday only consisted of paddling and short sharp spurts of rowing, but later in the day the crew indulged in practice of a more arduous nature.

After paddling to Greycliffe—about two miles—the crew returned to the starting point of the Henley Regatta course, and then went about a mile and a quarter at racing pace. The stroke at the commencement was 35 to the minute, and they finished at a rate of 32.

CAMBRIDGE.

The Cantabs did an hour and a half's work on the Quai at Ely yesterday, under the supervision of Mr. Taylor. They proceeded by moderate stages down to Day's Farm, then turned and stripped for a row back to their boat-house—a distance of three miles—without an easy. The journey occupied sixteen minutes, the crew returning to the University by train.

LONDON BETTING.

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP.

(Run Tuesday, March 22. Distance, one mile.)
100 to 9 agst Unimured, 4yrs, 7st 10lb (t and o).
100 to 8 — Barbetts, 3yrs, 6st 11lb (t and o).
100 to 7 — Corisier, 4yrs, 6st 6lb (t and o).
100 to 1 — Portuella, 4yrs, 7st 10lb (t and o).
100 to 1 — Switchcap, 4yrs, 7st 7lb (t and o).
40 to 1 — Catty Car, 4yrs, 7st 2lb (t and o).
G. Kennedy

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.

(Run at Liverpool, Friday, March 25. Distance, about four miles and 888 yards.)
9 to 1 agst Detail, 5yrs, 10st 7lb (t and o).
10 to 1 — May King, 5yrs, 10st 5lb (t and o).
10 to 1 — Ambush II, 10yrs, 12st 6lb (t and o).
100 to 6 — Inquisitor, 5yrs, 10st 11lb (t and o).
100 to 1 — Major Conventry, 5yrs, 10st 10lb (t and o).
20 to 1 — Dearspare, 5yrs, 10st 10lb (t and o).
20 to 1 — Kora, 5yrs, 10st 10lb (t and o).
20 to 1 — Manifesto, 10yrs, 12st 11lb (t and o).
P. W. Collins

TOUCHES THAT WIN "TESTS."

Some Famous Batsmen's Favourite Strokes.

The player who compiles centuries in cricket in these days has to make use of all manner of strokes which were quite unknown to players of times gone by. Bowling is so accurate, and the placing of the fieldsmen is such a scientific and cleverly contrived business that only the batsman with a large repertoire of strokes can hope to credit himself with a century.

Mr. Trumper, for instance, whom the English bowlers are always so relieved to dispatch in the pavilion, has any number of subtle touches and pats on both sides of the wicket, which will score runs, yet which other batsmen cannot imitate. He is, of course, especially strong on the "off," and even with five "studies in white" in the slips contrives to slice the ball through to the boundary.

Mr. R. E. Foster has a number of masterful drives at his disposal. The agile Australians, who have a busy time when the old "Donner" captain is at the wickets. His off-drive is regarded by the critics as quite as good as Mr. Lionel Palairet's; more than this can not be said. He times the ball exactly, and with a graceful swinging stroke, sends it like a flash to — end of the ground. Tyldesley, who always makes them lively when he is at the wickets, possesses a perfect square cut.

Knight's Famous Leg Draw.

When Tyldesley brings this stroke off at Old Trafford Manchester men throw their hats in the air. Even the cool and critical critics of the game admit it is a "decent enough hit." Knight, who has done so well in the great game while in progress, has not an easy style; he gives the impression of being rather painstaking than brilliant. He has, however, a number of excellent strokes, one leg draw from which he makes many runs being very effective.

Mr. Bosanquet, like Knight, is somewhat stiff when at the wickets, but has some fine drives. When he gets set (which he did, it will be remembered, the other day) he hits almost as hard and often as Mr. Jessop. Mr. Clem Hill is regarded by the community of first-class bowlers as one of the most difficult men in the world to persuade to leave the wickets. He takes centuries, and, as a great proportion of his runs are obtained from quiet placing on the leg side.

When "Clem," as he is known to his intimates (and we fear, a great number of them are not), gets thoroughly well set, the finest bowling in the world appears but in vain. "If I could only get him excited, I would soon get him out," once said a county bowler. "But I never can, and he always makes runs off me." Braund is a brilliant cricket personality, who does everything well. He can bat in two quite different styles, and adopts the particular method his captain requires. If Mr. Warner says, "Jessop, please —" Braund indulges in a firm wicket display that electrifies the crowd, and has a most depressing effect upon the opposing attack.

A Run-Scoring Machine.

If, however, Mr. Warner whispers, "Take your time," or words to that effect, Braund does. He bats as if he wished to spend a week-end at the wickets, and did not want runs. Braund has a crisp off-drive and some excellent leg strokes. It is difficult to bowl Braund in a run-scoring machine that requires a lot of ball every time, and admits to his game nothing so frivolous as a favourite stroke.

There was a time when Tom Hayward descended to a skimming shot over cover-point's head. It was a skating stroke; it involved risks, but never failed to "bring the bats down." But "Tom" has sobered down since he climbed to the highest altitudes of the average-table, and he very rarely stirs up the spectators with that "skimmer" now. Lastly, there is the popular captain and sterling batsman, Mr. P. F. Warner.

He plays straight, hits hard, and has some excellent strokes, which take the ball in the neighbourhood of point, without giving the fieldsmen a chance of distinguishing himself.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

THE LEAGUE.—(Division II.)

Before about a thousand spectators, at Glossop yesterday, the home team defeated Bradford City by 2 goals to nil.

Snow fell during part of the time play was in progress, and the men had some difficulty in keeping their feet. During the first half Bradford had rather the better of the exchange, but at the interval neither side had scored. Afterwards Glossop were always masters of the situation, and goals were obtained by Archie Goodall and Thornley.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

ASSOCIATION

At Reading: Reading v. West Ham United (Southern League).
At Bristol: Bristol Rovers v. Tottenham Hotspur (Western League).
At Guildford: Surrey v. London.

RUGBY

At Plymouth: Devon v. Kent (County Championships).
At Oxford: Oxford University v. United Services.

ATHLETICS.

The event at the Wadham College (Oxford) sports yesterday was the strangers' hurdles, a handicap race, in which a Mr. J. L. Leach, the Rugby footballer, after a fine race, won by 6 yards, beating Mr. E. Le P. Nichols, of Branscombe, by a foot in the water, and Smith was penalised 8 yards, but did not run prominently.

ROYAL GOAT.

The King's Gift to a Distinguished Regiment.

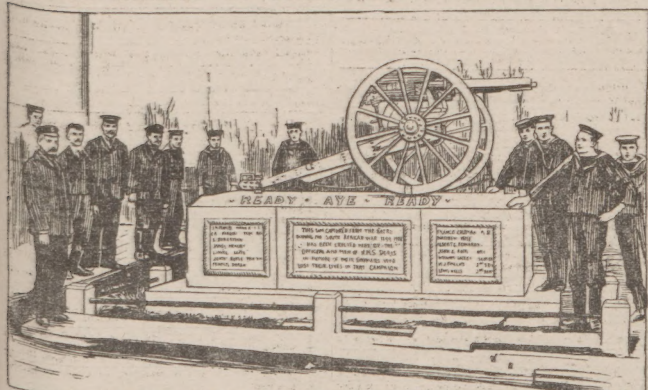
In review order and with leeks adorning their busbies, the Royal Welsh Fusiliers marched from their quarters at Whittington Barracks into Lichfield yesterday—St. David's Day—to receive from the citizens a presentation which had been subscribed for under interesting circumstances. The regiment came to Whittington Barracks after their return from the South African war. Soon afterwards their pet goat died, and his Majesty the King presented the battalion with another from

CHEAP CONSOLS.

They Have Reached the Lowest Figure Since 1866.

Consols have lately been taking an interesting course, and yesterday they were quoted ex-dividend. In this new form the cash quotation is 85 5-16, and the quotation for the April account is 85 9-16. The cash figure thus goes to the lowest since 1866. Our City correspondent writes:—Yesterday on the Stock Exchange was not so disappointing. The day started badly, for the brokers with

IN MEMORY OF THEIR FALLEN MESSMATES.



This monument of a gun captured from General Cronje, the Boer General, in South Africa, has been erected at Portsmouth by the officers and men of H.M.S. Doris to the memory of their comrades who lost their lives in the campaign.

the royal paddocks at Windsor. This favourite animal is now one of the distinctive features of the regiment on parade, and it was to mark the presentation of this gift by his Majesty that a number of citizens subscribed for a handsome silver shield and chain bearing the crest of the regiment and arms of Lichfield. Massed in the Market-square the regiment was received by the mayor and corporation, and the mayoress placed the shield on the neck of the goat. Acknowledging the gift, Sir Robert Colclough, the commanding officer, recalled that up to the year 1844 the regiment had provided its own goats as best it could, but in that year Queen Victoria directed that two of the finest goats belonging to a flock in Windsor Park, the gift of the Shah of

big foreign connections were in the market selling. They sold Consols and Kaffirs, and several leading Foreign securities, and at one time the outlook seemed very gloomy. But then came a chance, and Consols led a general recovery. The change was due to rumours reaching the London market from Berlin and Paris to the effect that the settlement is going on well in those centres. Indeed, in the afternoon, Paris seemed inclined to buy, and this was very welcome to several sections, and Foreigners and Kaffirs followed the lead of Consols in a rather sharp upward movement. Unfortunately, some of the recovery was lost at the close. At the close of business Consols were quoted ex-dividend. The deduction amounts to 12s. 6d., and, owing to this deduction, the cash quotation of Consols at 85 5-16 stands at the lowest touched by the stock since 1866. Quite a cheering feature in the Home Railway market was the announcement of the Caledonian and Glasgow

THE FIRST LADY FRANCIS HOPE.



Miss May Vohe was married to Lord Francis Hope in 1894, but he subsequently obtained a divorce from her. She had a brilliant career in burlesque and comic opera, both in England and the United States. She was celebrated for the extraordinarily low and deep contralto note in her voice. Lord Francis has just remarried.

Persia, should be given to the regiment—one to each battalion. King Edward VII. had not only continued the same mark of favour but had further honoured the regiment by the appointment of the Prince of Wales to be Colonel-in-Chief. In the evening St. David's Day was further celebrated by a grand banquet at the barracks.

Rumour is rife about the retirement of Lord Dudley from the Lord-Lieutenancy of Ireland, and his successor is openly named in the person of the Duke of Marlborough. Mr. Arthur Wilson, the owner of Tranby Croft, has bought a piece of ground at Villefranche; upon Mr. Charles Wilson, the member for Hull, owns a charming villa at Cannes.

and South-Western dividends. Both were 1 per cent. below a year ago, but both were 1 per cent. above present expectations; therefore Scottish railway stocks rallied smartly, and other railway securities improved in sympathy. They even put American Rails better, but, if there were to be no particular failures on the Continent, there was not much fear of Continental sales of Yankees, said the dealers. The better tendency on the Foreign bourses, of course, helped the Foreign stocks, though Japan bonds looked rather shaky. The combination of foreign banks to keep up the price of Turko is not taken too seriously. Such rises, however, usually answer their purpose. Copper shares were rather helped by the fact that the fortnightly statistics showed that there was considerably less copper in sight. Bank shares continue depressed as a result of the recent fall in Consols. South African mining shares did not quite close at the best. It was rumoured that the first ship had been engaged to convey the Chinese to South Africa. West Africans were put better on the reports of favourable cablegrams.

THE WAR.

WILL ENGLAND BE INVOLVED?

The Far East problem is one which has caused anxiety to statesmen of the leading nations for many years. And now that the inevitable has happened in the outbreak between Russia and Japan what will be the outcome? What does it portend for England? Will she be called upon to support her ally in the East if it should become necessary?

All those interested (and every Briton should be) in these and the many other important questions which concern our country in regard to this war should to-day order

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